

Committee to discuss grievance

FOIA: Manning employee can request matter to be in open session at today's meeting



BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — Manning's newly restructured Public Safety Committee will hold a meeting this afternoon to discuss a personnel matter

regarding a grievance. The three-member committee is comprised of Manning Mayor Julia Nelson, Mayor Pro-tem Sherry A. Welle and Councilman Clayton Pack. Manning City Council

recently approved an ordinance giving the committee the power to fire the police chief, which it did on July 11. After voting to fire Blair Shaffer, the three committee members appointed Keith Grice, a re-

tired South Carolina Highway Patrol captain, as interim police chief. Four items are listed on the agenda: a call to order, an executive session, possible action following the executive session and the ad-

jourment. While executive sessions are held behind closed doors, any vote or action that arises from that executive session is mandated by

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Now playing, still



'We try to provide the best customer service possible.'

DESIREE CREDLE
Store manager, Family Video



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Store Manager Desiree Credle, right, and employees Michaela Stukes and Kathryn Gibson are seen at Family Video on Liberty Street on Thursday.

TOP LEFT: Michaela Stukes restocks shelves at Family Video on Thursday.

Family Video in Sumter defies technology with customer service

BY DANNY KELLY
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Many may say movie rental stores have become obsolete. Now, with rental kiosks such as Red Box and online services such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hulu, it is easy, convenient and cheap to do all your movie watching and streaming online, with an app or without entering a store.

As possible evidence, a Blockbuster in Oregon is the only brick-and-mortar branch of that chain store left in the United States.

However, the Family Video on the corner of West Liberty Street and North Guignard Drive in Sumter

seems to be undeterred by advances and changes in technology, citing customer service as a reason why patrons keep coming back to physically rent movies and games.

"They just like the interaction with us," store manager Desiree Credle said. "We try to provide the best customer service possible."

There are still 703 Family Video stores nationwide, according to the company's website, including seven in South Carolina.

Credle says there are advantages when one decides to come into a video store instead of renting online.

"The advantage is you actually talk to somebody about a movie that you're looking at to rent," Credle said. "When you're on Netflix and Hulu, you're only reading the caption that they have. But to actually hear it come from somebody, it's different; it's the experi-

ence that you get."

Also, sometimes Netflix or other services don't have certain movies that customers are looking for. It often takes streaming services longer to get new releases.

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Just tough Trump tweeting? U.S. ratchets up Iran pressure

BY MATTHEW LEE and ZEKE MILLER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's explosive Twitter threat to Iran's leader comes as his administration is ratcheting up a pressure campaign on the Islamic republic that many suspect is aimed at

regime change.

No one is predicting imminent war. But Trump's bellicose, all-caps challenge addressed to President Hassan Rouhani followed a speech by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in which he accused Iran's leadership of massive corruption and widespread rights abuses and urged Irani-

ans to rise up in protest.

Both the tweet and the speech landed less than two weeks before the administration will begin re-imposing sanctions on Iran that had been lifted under the 2015 nuclear deal. In the meantime, the U.S. is stepping up Farsi-language outreach that is intended to support Iranians

demonstrating against the policies of their government.

Trump's tweet doesn't appear to have been prompted by any notable shift in rhetoric from Iran.

It could have been an impulsive reaction to reports from Tehran quoting Rouhani as giving the U.S. an oft-repeated reminder that conflict with

Iran would be "the mother of all wars." Yet animosity directed at the Iranian leadership is an established part of the administration's broader foreign policy.

Iran publicly shrugged off Trump's late Sunday message — "NEVER EVER THREATEN

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County council to consider final vote on feather flags

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter County Council will meet at 6 p.m. today in County Council Chambers, Sumter County Administration Building, 13 E. Canal St., to consider:

- Third and final reading of a request to amend portions of the county's development standards ordinance to allow certain fluttering devices, including feather flags, in the county;

- Second reading of a request to rezone a 1.9-acre portion of a 4.85-acre tract at 3425 Thomas Sumter Highway from general commercial to residential-9. In lieu of rezoning the property, council may consider a zoning ordinance amendment to add standalone cemeteries to the general commercial zoning district as recommended by Sumter Planning Commission, according to the agenda from Sumter County. A public hearing will be held prior to council's vote;

- Second reading of a request to amend the ordinance for a planned development at 350 Myrtle Beach Highway to allow the addition of used motor vehicle parts as a permitted use on 9.5 acres. Council will consider voting on the issue after a public hearing; and

- First reading of an ordinance to approve an intergovernmental loan agreement, to be secured by a mortgage, with the South Carolina Public Service Authority regarding 20 acres of property to construct an economic development building and adjoining building pad with the intent to attract a manufacturer to Sumter County.

In other news, county council will recognize the Explorers for Cherryvale Community Litter Pick-up as well as the participants in Sumter County's Summer Youth program.

It will also listen to a presentation about the Sumter County Information Technology Department by Larry Horne, head of the county's IT department, and Joe Perry, county communications director.

Before county council's regular meeting, Sumter County Fiscal, Tax and Property Committee will meet at 5:45 p.m. in County Council Conference Room to listen to and possibly take action on a request concerning a CSX track inspection report and receive a county financial update.

CORRECTION

If you see a statement in error, contact the City Desk at 774-1226 or pressrelease@theitem.com.

Santee-Lynches council brings dignity, compassion to seniors

Sumter agency shares information on programs at council meeting

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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Life for some seniors is made easier with the assistance of caregivers, but for seniors who do not receive full-time care, Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments Health and Human Services Department is available to help seniors through what could be the most stressful moments of their lives.

"Our mission is mainly trying to enhance the independence and improve the health of our seniors that live in the region," said Connie Munn, chief health and human services and area agency on aging director, during Sumter City Council's meeting on July 17.

So often seniors are not given a choice, but Santee-Lynches' goal is for seniors to have the power to choose what services they receive, she said.

"Our vision is to have an enhanced quality of life for our seniors," she said.

The role of Santee-Lynches — whose employees are certified in their respective programs — is to assist seniors through the maze of finding services that fit them, Munn said.

If you've ever tried to call an automated phone system, you know how difficult it can be, she said. If you're an elderly person with vision or hearing impairment you just hang up and forget, she said, and you don't get the service.

Munn said the information referral and assistance part of the organization has a specialist who is certified to get people connected to the right organizations in the community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information about services offered through Santee-Lynches Health and Human Services and Area Agency on Aging, go to santeelynches.org, call (803) 774-1376 or email Connie Munn at cmunn@slcog.org.

The Health and Human Services Department also has trained assessors who can evaluate a senior's home to determine his or her needs and determine what services he or she can receive based on a priority score, she said.

The agency can also map where services are distributed and where services are needed, she said.

That's key for the 60-and-older population, she said, to ensure seniors are treated with the dignity they deserve.

And though Santee-Lynches does not provide all of the services itself such as legal counseling and sending meals to seniors, Munn said it does have contracts and partnerships with other agencies that can help.

Among the many services the agency does provide are insurance counseling and sending volunteers to visit seniors in nursing homes.

"They served our country well and our county," Munn said about seniors and Santee-Lynches' dedication to serving them.

If you know anyone living in a nursing home, she said, you know that a lot of times people there do not have anyone there to look out for them and to make sure they are treated with dignity.

Santee-Lynches has certified staff

who will go to those nursing homes and investigate cases of abuse or neglect and turn that information over to the appropriate authorities, she said.

The agency also has a Friendly Visitor program that sends volunteers to nursing homes to visit with residents, she said.

"Those are our eyes out in the nursing homes," Munn said. A lot of times a person is less inclined to commit abuse or neglect if he or she knows someone is watching, she said.

Santee-Lynches also looks out for seniors' caregivers by providing respite for family caregivers, she said.

The Family Caregivers Program gives caregivers who provide 24/7 care for someone who has Alzheimer's or dementia a break, she said.

"If you've never been a caregiver before, I can promise you everyone in this room will be one one day," Munn said. And it is a daunting situation to be in, she said.

This program is not a replacement for the family caregivers but just offers some help because if caregivers don't take care of themselves, they will not be able to take care of their loved one, she said.

"We have the heart and the compassion at Santee-Lynches," Munn said. Each one of the staff cares dearly for the seniors, she said.

And the department's staff would be more than happy to speak with local groups about the services it can provide and is also accepting volunteers, she said.

"All of this helps us to be able to have action and get the seniors to the services they need," she said.

Sumter couple celebrates 55 years together thanks to kindness of others

BY DANNY KELLY

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Peggy and Warren Clark were able to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary together thanks to the kindness of several people. Warren has been in Palmetto Health Tuomey for several weeks, and his wife has been in rehabilitation at Covenant Place, which means they have been unable to see each other. Scot Bozio, the manager of Telemetry, and his team found out about their anniversary and arranged for Peggy to be transported to the hospital on Thursday.

"As far as coordination, Tuomey did most of that because Mr. Clark was in the hospital," Covenant Place Executive Director Melissa Linville said. "Our driver got Mrs. Clark to him."

Team members donated balloons and a gift, and one team member donated some special flowers for the occasion.

"She (the team member) actually



PHOTO PROVIDED BY PALMETTO HEALTH TUOMEY

Peggy and Warren Clark celebrated 55 years of marriage on Thursday.

pulled out some of her own flowers from her anniversary the day before and put them in a vase to make sure that Mrs. Peggy had some flowers on her anniversary as well," Palmetto Health Tuomey Interactive Media Coordinator Chris Moore said. "It went really well."

Palmetto Health Tuomey was happy to help make this special event happen.

"It's just an example of how our team members at Palmetto Health Tuomey go above and beyond for our patients and their families," Moore said.

"They heard of a need and did everything they could to try to make that special moment happen." Especially one as significant as this. "You don't get but one 55th wedding anniversary," Moore said.

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2 Sumterites pursue their culinary dreams

Saturday's food truck festival was 1st for locals who want to travel state on circuit

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Amid Saturday's sunny skies and 90-plus-degree heat, Sumter's Adrian Bradley and Jennifer Ross-Jones found themselves working hard at the Sumter fairgrounds, on the first steps of their dream journeys.

Bradley and Ross-Jones said they love to cook and cater as a craft and were participating in their first full-fledged food truck festival. Bradley runs a truck called Smoqueology BBQ, and Ross-Jones has a new truck called Out The Box.

Food truck festivals have been growing in popularity in the last 10 to 15 years from bigger cities to smaller towns across the U.S., said Lynn Kennedy, chairwoman of Sumter Green, the organizer for Saturday's Untapped: Food Trucks and Craft Beer festival.

The cuisine-on-wheels festivals feature mobile kitchens with restaurant-quality food that descend on an area in caravans, each preparing its own menu and type of cuisine.

Bigger cities, such as Columbia, Charleston, Myrtle Beach and Greenville, have been on the food truck festival map for years and typically have large-scale events with dozens of food trucks and trailers participating.

Sumter had its first festival in 2017 and is still in the experimentation phase for the best overall strategy for food truck events.

Bradley and Ross-Jones said home was a great place to start on their traveling culinary journeys. Both said they're established cooks and want to travel the state and be on the scene for the various festivals, which are held generally in the spring, summer and fall months.



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Adrian Bradley with Smoqueology BBQ works on an order during Saturday's Untapped: Food Trucks and Craft Beer festival.

Bradley said he has been "smokin' barbecue" for about six years and is going that route with his Smoqueology BBQ truck. He sells chicken, pulled pork and brisket, among other items.

In the Carolinas, barbecue is big on the food truck circuit.

"Barbecue is a very competitive business," Bradley said, "but the brisket sets me apart. When you cook something for 15 and 16 hours — when you smoke it that long — it's packed full of flavor. It's just good, and you can't really get good brisket in town. Real

brisket is normally done out west, in Texas and Kansas City — that's where it all originated out there."

Ross-Jones said she's been cooking since she was 6 years old and specializes in country cooking, fixins and "soul food," as well.

She said she has held numerous types of jobs in the past but that she has always wanted to do something she enjoyed — like cooking.

Her menu Saturday included buffalo chicken panini sandwiches, chocolate-covered bananas and her signature

fried bologna steak burgers, among other items.

Both Bradley and Ross-Jones said they've done their homework on the food truck and mobile food unit industry. Each has invested about \$30,000 into the food trucks.

Ross-Jones said she has learned a lot about food truck shows — that it's hard work with long days and a lot of travel on the weekends.

"It's hard work, but you can do anything if you really enjoy it," she said.

Both said they will also continue to do local cooking and catering in the Sumter area.

ABOUT 1,200 ATTEND FESTIVAL

Kennedy said about 1,200 people attended Saturday's festival. Kennedy, who is also the events manager for the City of Sumter, said her goal was 1,500 attendees.

Entrance fees and proceeds from Saturday benefited Sumter Green, which is a nonprofit that beautifies areas in Sumter, including seven "Welcome to Sumter" entrance-way signs throughout the city.

She said Sumter has found its March food truck festival to be the most successful time and that she's leaning toward sticking with just one annual food truck event.



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No, Twitter will not ban Trump; here's why

NEW YORK (AP) — Calls to ban Donald Trump from Twitter are at least as old as his presidency. But it's not going to happen, at least not while he's in office.

The latest strike involves an all-caps tweet sent late Sunday warning Iran of "CONSEQUENCES THE LIKE OF WHICH FEW THROUGHOUT HISTORY HAVE EVER SUFFERED BEFORE."

So, does threatening nuclear annihilation upon an entire country get you the boot from the social network? Twitter's policy states that threats of violence can get you kicked off. For instance, if somebody were to tweet a threat to kill his neighbor with a sawed-off shotgun, he or she could easily be kicked off for violating Twitter's policies.

But not if you are Trump — or another world leader. Here's why:

Twitter treats Trump differently than a "regular" user.

In January, Twitter published a blog post publicly codifying what had already been company policy, saying that "Blocking a world leader from Twitter or removing their controversial Tweets would hide important information people should be able to see and debate."

Twitter's view is that keeping up political figures' controversial tweets encourages discussion and helps hold leaders accountable. The comments, the company argues, can either happen in the open, on Twitter or behind closed doors.

The blog post, written a year after Trump became president, does not reference him. But it's a clear response to calls to remove him, by liberal activists, writers and Twitter users even before

he became president. And it nods to criticism that Twitter is only keeping on Trump because as arguably the world's best-known tweeter he's made the service more visible.

"No one person's account drives Twitter's growth, or influences these decisions. We work hard to remain unbiased with the public interest in mind," the policy says.

So what about regular users? Twitter bans "specific threats of violence or wishing for serious physical harm, death, or disease to an individual or group of people." It also prohibits users from affiliating with organizations that "use or promote violence against civilians to further their causes." This policy is in part to keep what Twitter calls "extremist groups" off its service. It defines them as groups

that subscribe to violence to advance their cause.

But there's a big exception: "This policy does not apply to military or government entities."

Since the president is obviously a government entity, and, as commander in chief, a military entity as well, a nuclear threat won't get him kicked off Twitter.

That leads some to wonder if there is anything Trump could say on the platform to get himself banned.

It's unclear, but unlikely. Twitter would not say whether it has ever deleted a tweet by the president, and it appears that it has not. While the company says it reviews tweets by world leaders within their political context and "enforce our rules accordingly," this leaves a lot of room for interpretation, likely just as the company intends.

Georgia grandmother gets dream job as 'walker'

BY BRINLEY HINEMAN
Associated Press

ATLANTA — When she's not spending time with her grandchildren, Terrie Hamrick is likely dressed as a zombie.

Hamrick's dream of being a "walker" for "The Walking Dead" came true two seasons ago when she was cast as an extra by AMC, the company that produces the critically acclaimed television series. The show, based on graphic novels, features a group of people fighting to survive a zombie apocalypse.

"Since the show started, I told my children, 'I want to be a walker,'" said Hamrick, 68, who added that she never really believed the dream that has been at the top of her bucket list since 2012 would become reality.

She's one of the 15 regular walkers and even has her own outfit on the set labeled with her name that she wears while filming, she said. The days are grueling: 14 hours — sometimes longer — in the Georgia heat.

The show has filmed in Senoia, about 35 miles south of Atlanta, and nearby Haralson since 2012.

Hamrick proudly acknowledges that she was one of the

original "walker stalkers" — extreme fans who hang out by the show's set. She became so well known around the set that Michael Rooker, who plays Merle Dixon, warmly called her his "little walker stalker," and Andrew Lincoln, who plays lead character Sheriff Rick Grimes, would point to her whenever he saw her in the distance, Hamrick said.

Despite her newfound fame, Hamrick hasn't quit her other day job: working as a walker for a tour company in Haralson that brings "The Walking Dead" to life for fans. The owner of The Walkin Dead Haralson Tours and Events, Jamie Thompson, scouts locations in Senoia and Haralson for the show.

While in Senoia, production is filmed on sets, but in Haralson, they film on lots, Thompson said. On the tour, fans are guided by a man playing the part of Daryl Dixon, one of the show's most popular characters, and get to relive moments from the series.

That's where Hamrick comes in. She makes her entrance in bloody zombie makeup, both terrorizing and delighting those on the tour.

One minute she's snarling, ready to devour them. Moments later, she transforms

into her grandmotherly self, laughing and taking photos with fans.

Less than 5 feet tall — she officially measures 4 feet, 10-and-a-half inches, she said, stressing the importance of that extra half-inch — she doesn't seem at all threatening. But once artist Michelle Molanari transforms her into a gory monster, fans on the streets of Senoia certainly are cautious as they approach, many uttering under their breath, "It looks so real."

"Miss Terrie is a tiny, gentle, soft-spoken grandmother who's always ready with a kind word about everyone," Molanari said.

Between the series and daily Haralson tours, she's hooked on the buzz of the entertainment industry.

"It's exciting for me to see myself on there," Hamrick said. "The show is great, the actors are great, this place is great."

Hamrick even has her own fans now. She recently created a Facebook fan page, where she posts photos of the cast and behind-the-scenes shots of the tours. Within a week, it had nearly 1,000 likes.

"People mob you wanting pictures," she said. "It's so exciting."



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Zombie Terrie Hamrick poses for a photo near the silos made famous by "The Walking Dead" in Haralson, Georgia.

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Schools eye facial recognition technology to boost security

LOCKPORT, N.Y. (AP) — The surveillance system that has kept watch on students entering Lockport schools for over a decade is getting a novel upgrade. Facial recognition technology soon will check each face against a database of expelled students, sex offenders and other possible troublemakers.

It could be the start of a trend as more schools fearful of shootings consider adopting the technology, which has been gaining ground on city streets and in some businesses and government agencies. Just last week, Seattle-based digital software company RealNetworks began offering a free version of its facial recognition system to schools nationwide.

Already, the Lockport City School District's plan has opened a debate in this western New York community and far beyond about the system's potential effectiveness, student privacy and civil rights.

"We shake our heads that we're having to deal with and talk about these kinds of security issues," said Robert LiPuma, technology director for the Lockport district, east of Niagara Falls, "but here we are."

The idea behind the Lockport system is to enable security officers to quickly respond to the appearance of expelled students, disgruntled employees, sex offenders or certain weapons the system is programmed to detect. Only students seen as threats will be loaded into the database. Officials say it is the first school district in the country to adopt the Canadian-made system it is installing.

Administrators say it could thwart shootings like February's attack in which expelled student Nikolas Cruz is charged with killing 17 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

"This would have identified (Cruz) as not being able to be in that building," said Tony Olivo, a security consultant who recommended the system for Lockport. Cameras mounted throughout the building would have followed the banned student's every move until he left.

Critics say the technology



has been absent from schools for good reason.

In light of Lockport's plans, the New York Civil Liberties Union asked the state Education Department to block the technology from any New York school, saying it would "have a chilling effect on school climate." Education officials say they are reviewing the request.

"Lockport is sending the message that it views students as potential criminals who must have their faces scanned wherever they go," NYCLU Executive Director Donna Lieberman said.

Jennifer Lynch, senior staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a digital rights group, said any school considering facial recognition must consider who will have access to data, how such a sys-

tem would be managed and whether students can opt out.

Others question the technology's cost and effectiveness, given reports like one released in February by MIT and Stanford University that found some facial recognition programs don't work as well on racial minorities and women.

Lockport parent Belinda Cooper would have preferred metal detectors in her 15-year-old daughter's school.

"It would have been cheaper for the school district, and you can guarantee no guns or knives will be brought in," she said.

District officials say the Aegis system they are installing, made by SN Technologies of Ontario, will not build or store a database of student

System, senior product director Michael Vance said.

At the University Child Development School in Seattle where it was piloted, rather than rely on office staff buzzing in late arrivals or visitors, the system gives parents who have registered their faces automatic access through a locked gate and tells the office who is coming. Schools can opt to register students' faces and customize how to respond to people who have been flagged for alert.

"All of that resides with the school," Vance said. "We don't see it. We don't have access to the pictures, the images, the video, anything like that. It's stored in the same way that school attendance databases, grades, records, everything is kept."

Nevertheless, citing a patchwork of regulations, Vance said the company would welcome the kind of government guidelines for facial recognition technology that Microsoft President Brad Smith called for in a blog post July 13.

In Lockport, as crews worked on wiring the system inside, 16-year-old student Teliyah Sumler expressed some reservations.

"I feel like it's too personal," she said. "Cameras all in my face. It's too much."

Khari Demos, 22, who has two siblings in Lockport High School, said he worries for their safety and views facial recognition as another piece of a security puzzle that includes locked doors and active shooter drills.

"It'll actually identify who should and shouldn't be in the school," said Demos, who graduated from the school in 2013. "The system will never be 100 percent perfect, but it's a step in the right direction."

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Severe drought forces emergency measures for West's wild horses

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Harsh drought conditions in parts of the American West are pushing wild horses to the brink and spurring extreme measures to protect them.

For what they say is the first time, volunteer groups in Arizona and Colorado are hauling thousands of gallons of water and truckloads of food to remote grazing grounds where springs have run dry and vegetation has disappeared.

Federal land managers also have begun emergency roundups in desert areas of Utah and Nevada.

"We've never seen it like this," said Simone Netherlands, president of the Arizona-based Salt River Wild Horse Management Group. In May, dozens of horses were found dead on the edge of a dried-up watering hole in northeastern Arizona.

As spring turned to summer, drought conditions turned from bad to worse, Netherlands said.

Parts of Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico are under the most severe category of drought, though extreme conditions are present from California to Missouri, government analysts say. Parts of the region have witnessed some of the driest conditions on record, amid a cycle of high temperatures and low snowmelt that appears to be getting worse, National Weather Service hydrologist Brian McInerney said.

The dry conditions have fed wildfires that have destroyed hundreds of buildings across the West. This month, a firefighter was killed battling a blaze near California's Yosemite National Park.

The federal Bureau of Land Management — which oversees vast expanses of public land, mostly in the West — says the problem facing wild

horses stems from overpopulation aggravated by severe drought. The region is home to roughly 67,000 wild horses.

"You're always going to have drought issues. That's a common thing out on the range," agency spokesman Jason Luteran said. "What really exacerbates things is when we're already over population, because then you already have resource issues."

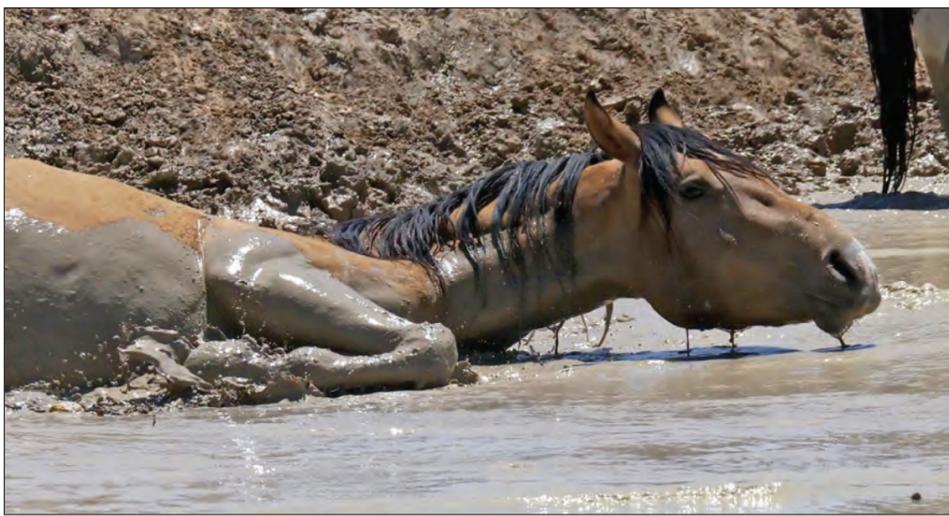
The agency's emergency roundup in western Utah began a week ago, aiming to remove roughly 250 wild horses from a population of approximately 670. The operation is expected to take several weeks.

Once the horses are rounded up, the government gives them veterinary treatment and offers them for sale or adoption. Those that aren't sold or adopted are transferred to privately contracted corrals and pastures for the long term.

A similar emergency roundup began this month in central Nevada, where officials said some horses in a herd of 2,100 could die from lack of water in coming weeks. The operation was quickly halted, ironically because of extreme rain, but will likely resume.

"The ground's so dry it's not absorbing that water. It's running off," bureau spokeswoman Jenny Lesieutre said.

Volunteers are also taking action.



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A wild horse rolls in muddy water after drinking from a watering hole outside Salt Lake City. Harsh drought conditions in parts of the American West are pushing wild horses to the brink and forcing extreme measures to protect them.

Since late spring, Netherlands' Salt River group has hauled hay to a dozen locations outside Phoenix to feed a herd of starving wild horses.

Roughly 200 miles north, a couple near Gray Mountain, on the Navajo Nation, have spearheaded an effort to leave water and food for horses they say would die without human intervention.

In western Colorado, volunteers say they're preparing to bring up to 5,000 gallons of water per day to a herd of 750 desperate horses.

"Springs are drying up that have never dried up," said Cindy Wright, co-founder of Colorado conservation group Wild Horse Warriors for Sand Wash Basin. Horses in the area stalk the dry earth with their ribs exposed, desperate for a drop, she said.

Wild horse advocates have balked at the Bureau of Land Management's insistence that

wild horse populations are too high. Critics say the agency is using dry conditions as a smoke screen to shrink horse populations in response to pressure from ranchers whose livestock compete with the horses for grazing land.

"I do have a concern about the larger numbers that they're pulling off, and then a bigger concern about the BLM under this administration using all kinds of excuses to pull off horses," said Suzanne Roy, executive director of the American Wild Horse Campaign, an advocacy organization.

The agency is prohibited from euthanizing the wild horses it rounds up, though President Donald Trump has proposed allowing the animals to be killed or sold for slaughter.

Activists in Nevada held a rally last Tuesday at the bureau's state headquarters in

Reno to protest a planned roundup later this year.

Critics want the government to instead use birth control to manage wild horse populations.

The bureau says the fertility treatment, which must be administered yearly and fired from a dart gun at close range, is too difficult for use except in certain cases where herds are easy to approach and have markings that make horses distinguishable from one another.

Whatever the long-term answer, volunteers say their efforts can't go on forever. Trucking in water and food could cost several thousand dollars per month and make horses overly dependent on humans, they said.

"If we don't have a very good fall with a lot of rain — and it's also warm so that our fall vegetation grows — we're going to lose horses," Wright said.

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FAMILY VIDEO

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"If they're looking for something in particular that's not on Netflix, sometimes we do have it," Credle said. Customers also come in for the deals. "Our movie prices are a lot cheaper than where they can go to Walmart or K-Mart or something like that," Credle said. The store offers coupons on birthdays and other specials. And there's one more important detail. "You don't have to pay a monthly subscription like to Netflix," assistant manager Kathryn Gibson said. Family Video has its regulars, but they do get new customers from time to time. "We get some new customers every other day; we get somebody new, at least one or two," Credle said. Credle said overall, the store is doing well. "Especially on weekends," sales associate Michaela Stukes said.



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Family Video is on the corner of West Liberty Street and North Guignard Drive. The store offers specials and video game rentals from many systems.

The employees say another advantage of going to Family Video is the video game selection. "We do carry a lot of gaming systems," Credle said. "PS4, Xbox One, Xbox 360, (Nintendo) Switch, Wii,

Wii U." But, most importantly, she said, Family Video tries to give customers a good family experience. "We treat everybody," Credle said, "like family."

IRAN

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THE UNITED STATES AGAIN OR YOU WILL SUFFER CONSEQUENCES THE LIKES OF WHICH FEW THROUGHOUT HISTORY HAVE EVER SUFFERED BEFORE." Tweeted Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Monday: "COLOR US UNIMPRESSED: The world heard even harsher bluster a few months ago. And Iranians have heard them — albeit more civilized ones — for 40 yrs. We've been around for millennia & seen fall of empires, incl our own, which lasted more than the life of some countries. BE CAUTIOUS!"

Asked at the White House if he had concerns about provoking Iran, Trump said simply, "None at all."

Tehran is already aware of what is coming from the administration as consequences of Trump's May withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear accord take shape.

As Pompeo noted in his speech to Iranian-Americans and others in California on Sunday, the centerpiece will be the re-imposition of U.S. economic sanctions; the first batch will go back into force on Aug. 4 targeting the Iranian automotive sector and trade in gold and other metals. A more significant set of sanctions that will hit Iran's oil industry and central bank by punishing countries and companies that do business with them will resume on Nov. 4.

"Right now, the United States is undertaking a diplomatic and financial pressure cam-

paigned to cut off the funds that the regime uses to enrich itself and support death and destruction," Pompeo said in his speech at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley.

Pompeo also slammed Iran's political, judicial and military officials, accusing several by name of participating in rampant corruption, and called its religious leaders "hypocritical holy men" who amassed wealth while allowing their people to suffer. He said the government has "heartlessly repressed its own people's human rights, dignity and fundamental freedoms," and he hailed the "proud Iranian people (for) not staying silent about their government's many abuses."

"The United States under President Trump will not stay silent either," he said.

He was right. True to form, Trump did not stay silent. But the White House blamed Rouhani for inciting the war of

words with his comment that "America must understand well that peace with Iran is the mother of all peace and war with Iran is the mother of all wars."

"WE ARE NO LONGER A COUNTRY THAT WILL STAND FOR YOUR DEMENTED WORDS OF VIOLENCE & DEATH. BE CAUTIOUS!" Trump wrote.

Reaction from Congress, particularly Democrats, was swift and critical.

Democratic Sen. Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, acknowledged that Iran's terrorist activities in the Middle East pose a threat but suggested it wouldn't be solved through a tweet from Trump.

"Sadly, after pulling us out of the nuclear deal with Europe and Iran, there doesn't seem to be strategy for how to move forward to fight Iran's activities," she said.



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President Hassan Rouhani attends a meeting with a group of foreign ministry officials in Tehran, Iran, on Sunday. Rouhani warned President Donald Trump against provoking his country while indicating peace between the two nations might still be possible.



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LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	America's Got Talent "Judge Cuts 2" Guest judge Olivia Munn joins the panel. (N)		World of Dance "The Qualifiers 8" Dance acts showcase their artistry. (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	NCIS "Keep Your Friends Close" A missing Navy commander is found dead. (DVS)	SEAL Team "Getaway Day" Jason and the team must deploy early.	NCIS: New Orleans "Ties That Bind" A petty officer is murdered. (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Swiss Holiday"	Jeopardy! (N)	The Middle Sue and Brick try to get Frankie a gift.	The Middle "Split Decision" (DVS)	blackish Jack develops a comedy style.	blackish Dre reacts to an inaccurate school play.	The Last Defense "Julius Jones: The Fight" (Season Finale) A race to win a new trial begins. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)
WRJA	27	11	14	Making It Grow Amanda McNulty and Master Gardeners answer viewers' gardening questions.	10 Modern Marvels That Changed America: Engineering of modern civilization.		No Passport Required "Chicago" The Mexican community in Chicago. (N)	Frontline "UN Sex Abuse Scandal" Allegations against U.N. peacekeepers. (N)	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	10 Modern Marvels That Changed America	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Leonard hopes to impress.	The Big Bang Theory	Beat Shazam "Episode Seven" Singer-songwriter Demi Lovato. (N) (DVS)	Love Connection "Aaron & Maconnie" A fitness consultant; a hairdresser. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike fears for his family's privacy.	Last Man Standing Mike encourages Ryan and Kyle.	The 100 "The Dark Year" Clarke learns more about Wonkru. (N)	The Outpost "The Mistress and the Worm" Talon struggles with a deadly creature. (N)	The X-Files "Per Manum" Alien impregnations of humans.	The X-Files "Three Words" Mulder investigates after a man is shot.	The Game Malik reaches his breaking point.		
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	The First 48 "Last Shift" Deadly attack in a barbershop.	The First 48 "A Fighting Chance" A social activist is killed at a bar.	The First 48 "A Murder in Mobile" A homeless man is gunned down.	(-01) Born Behind Bars Ruthanne wants to reunite with her son. (N)		(-04) The First 48 "Fatal Call" Fatal shooting in an apartment complex.		(-12:03) The First 48		
AMC	48	180	(5:00) *** "The Karate Kid" (1984, Children's) Ralph Macchio.	*** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971, Children's) Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson, Peter Ostrum. A famous confectioner offers a grand prize to five children.	*** "Groundhog Day" (1993, Romance-Comedy) Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell, Chris Elliott. A TV weatherman's day keeps repeating.							
ANPL	41	100	River Monsters	River Monsters	Killer Whales: The Mega Hunt							
BET	61	162	** "Madae's Witness Protection" (2012, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Eugene Levy, Doris Roberts. Madae uses tough love on a Wall Street banker and his family.	Hit the Floor "Bad Blood" Derek wants both redemption and revenge. (N)	Hit the Floor "Bad Blood" Derek wants both redemption and revenge.							
BRAVO	47	181	Below Deck Mediterranean Joao earns the praise of Captain Sandy.	Below Deck Mediterranean Joao solidifies the love triangle.	Below Deck Mediterranean Hannah crosses a line with Sandy. (N)	Million Dollar Listing New York Ryan is caught in a tricky situation. (N)	Watch What Happens Live	Below Deck Mediterranean Hannah crosses a line with Sandy.				
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank Guest shark Chris Sacca.	The Profit "Montiel" (N)	Shark Tank	Shark Tank				
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper			
COM	57	136	(6:50) The Office	(:25) The Office "Get the Girl"	Drunk History "Atlanta"	Drunk History "Great Escapes"	Drunk History "Games"	Drunk History "Los Angeles"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:31) The Office "The Client"	(:12:01) King of the Hill "Pilot"	
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd	Bug Juice: My Adventures at Camp	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	(:07) Big City Greens	Stuck in the Middle	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DSC	42	103	Cuba's Secret Shark Lair: Sharkopedia	Guy Fieri's Feeding Frenzy	Laws of Jaws	Laws of Jaws	Air Jaws: The Hunted	Shark After Dark "Episode 3" (N)	Laws of Jaws			
ESPN	26	35	2018 Humanitarian Awards (N)	The 2018 ESPYS				SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)			
ESPN2	27	39	NFL Live	WNBA Basketball New York Liberty at Minnesota Lynx. (N) (Live)	NBA: The Jump	NBA: The Jump	Karate From Orlando, Fla.	Around the Horn				
FOOD	40	109	Chopped "Big Barbecue Bout"	Chopped "Bangin' Backyard Cookout"	Chopped "Beach Bites" (N)	Chopped "Summer Heat"	Chopped "Feel The Burn"	Chopped				
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night with Shannon	Tucker Carlson				
FREE	20	131	(5:00) *** "The Parent Trap" (1998) Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid.	The Bold Type "Plan B" Sutton makes a decision without Oliver. (N)	(:01) * "10 Things I Hate About You" (1999, Comedy) Heath Ledger, Julia Stiles. Teens set a shrewish peer up with the new boy in town.							
FSS	21	47	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Miami Marlins. From Marlins Park in Miami.	Braves Hall of Fame: Class of 2018	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Miami Marlins.							
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Christmas at Holly Lodge" (2017, Drama) Alison Sweeney.	"The Christmas Cottage" (2017, Drama) Merritt Patterson, Steve Lund. A cynical designer decorates the romantic Christmas cottage.	"Christmas Next Door" (2017, Romance) Blair. A bachelor is left in charge of his niece and nephew.	"My Christmas Dream" (2016)						
HGTV	39	112	Fixer Upper Gayle and Tim need help.	Fixer Upper	Desert Flippers	Desert Flippers	Hidden Potential	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	Desert Flippers	
HIST	45	110	Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper	Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper (N)	Forged in Fire "The Smallsword" (N)	(:03) Counting Cars (N) (DVS)	(:05) Forged in Fire "The Zande Spear"	Forged in Fire				
ION	13	18	Criminal Minds "The Replicator" The Replicator targets a team member.	Criminal Minds "The Inspiration" The team tracks a killer to Arizona.	Criminal Minds "The Inspired" Zeroing in on a ritualistic killer. (DVS)	Criminal Minds "Final Shot" Dallas is threatened by a sniper. (DVS)	Private Eyes "Now You See Her..." Shade and Angie look for a woman.	Private Eyes "The Money Shot"				
LIFE	50	145	Married at First Sight The six singles meet their new spouse.	Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight The couples get to know each other. (N)	(:03) Seven Year Switch The new couples get to know each other. (N)	(:06) Seatbelt Psychic	(:35) Seatbelt Psychic	(:12:01) Married at First Sight		
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow				
NICK	16	210	The Loud House	Double Dare (N)	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	(:35) Friends	(:12:10) Friends	
PARMT	64	153	Friends	Friends	*** "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" (2011, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz.	Batman Begins						
SYFY	58	152	(5:45) ** "Exodus: Gods and Kings" (2014, Action) Christian Bale, Joel Edgerton. Moses vows to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.	Face Off "Immortals Interrupted" Artists create vampires based on bats. (N)	Futurama "The Thief Futurama" Zapp Dingbat	Futurama "The Butterjunk Effect"	Futurama "The Million Dollar Mon"	Futurama "Fun on a Bun"				
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Conan Actor Cedric the Entertainer.	Brooklyn Nine-Nine		
TCM	49	186	(5:45) *** "Camille" (1936) Greta Garbo, Robert Taylor. (DVS)	*** "Badlands" (1973, Crime Drama) Martin Sheen, Sissy Spacek, Warren Oates. A teen girl joins a garbageman on a South Dakota killing spree.	* "The Purchase Price" (1932) Barbara Stanwyck. Fleeing nightclub singer becomes farmer's mail-order bride.	*** "A River Runs Through It" (1992) Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt.						
TLC	43	157	(6:58) Outdaughters (Part 2 of 2)	Outdaughters (N)	Outdaughters (N)	(:03) Rattled (N)	(:06) Outdaughters	(:12:06) Rattled				
TNT	23	158	(6:00) *** "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (2015) Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill. Han Solo and his allies face a new threat from Kylo Ren. (DVS)	Animal Kingdom "Libertad" Deran is haunted by a past decision. (N)	Animal Kingdom "Libertad" Deran is haunted by a past decision. (N)	Animal Kingdom "Libertad" Deran is haunted by a past decision. (N)	Law & Order "Genius" Detectives suspect a gifted writer. (DVS)	Law & Order Missing football player.				
TRUTV	38	129	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	Paid-Torpey	ImpRACTical Jokers	Paid-Torpey	
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Younger (N)	(:34) Teachers (N)	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	Modern Family "After the Fire"	Modern Family "Punkin Chunkin"	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)	Miz & Mrs Series Premiere (N)	(:31) Chrissy Knows Best (N)	(:02) Modern Family (DVS)	(:32) Modern Family "Egg Drop"	(:12:02) Modern Family	(:12:02) Modern Family	
WE	68	166	Law & Order "Burned"	Law & Order "Ritual"	Law & Order "Under the Influence"	Law & Order "Expert"	Law & Order "Castoff"	Law & Order				
WGNA	8	172	Cops	Cops	Cops "Arizona"	Cops "Arizona"	Cops "Arizona"	Cops "Arizona"	Cops	Cops	Cops	

Existence of 'Miz & Mrs' a sign of the apocalypse?

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

I keep telling myself it's just a show. But why does a show like "Miz & Mrs" (10 p.m., USA, TV-14) have to exist?

I must heed my own advice and assure myself that the mere existence of one series is not a sign of cultural decline or the coming apocalypse. But I return to my gut reaction and wonder just why a show as dumb as "Miz & Mrs" was ever created. How did its stars become famous? What kind of audience finds them worth watching?

Just pondering those questions, and their answers make me feel slightly queasy and not a little sad.

In a world with literally thousands of programming choices, the meaning of a single show and its ability to serve as a metaphor for good or bad, enriching or depressing, has shrunk to near insignificance. But I can't help myself from thinking about a corporate boardroom full of people who watched "Miz & Mrs" and said, "Yeah, let's broadcast THAT!"

Watching the titular wrestling superstars scream at each other and the audience about their life, their fondly antipated parenthood and their plans to schedule the pregnancy around plans for Wrestlemania by way of a nude photoshoot is enough to make you worry about the future of the species.

Worse, neither member of this loudly anointed "power couple" departs from their wrestling ring personas. Real comedy, interesting reality TV and fun stories emerge when people deviate from their "act."

Ozzy didn't go around biting heads off bats on "The Os-

bourne." The whole point of "GLOW," one of the smartest series now streaming, is the vast difference between campy wrestling characters and the real women who play them.

In contrast, these two seem incapable of shedding their WWE shtick. Their "real" lives unfold with all the subtlety of a Shamwow infomercial. You just want to shut them up, change the channel and take a hot shower to cleanse yourself of the aggressive stupidity of this series, just in case it's contagious.

Set in the 1990s, the two-hour special "Bad Henry" (9 p.m., ID, TV-14) recalls the reign of terror of a serial killer named Henry Louis Wallace, who claimed the lives of 10 young African American women in the Charlotte area.

Postponed from an earlier date, Tonight's "Frontline" (10 p.m., PBS, check local listings) studies reports of systemic sexual abuse by U.N. peacekeepers in some of the world's poorest countries.

CULT CHOICE

A confused teen (Sissy Spacek) and her boyfriend (Martin Sheen) go on a killing spree in the beautiful and dreamlike 1973 drama "Badlands" (8 p.m., TCM), directed by Terrence Mallick.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Jane worries she may never be a mother on "The Bold Type" (8 p.m., Freeform, TV-14).
- Efforts to get a new trial for Julius Jones begin on the season finale of "The Last Defense" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).



FELICIA GRAHAM / USA NETWORK
WWE power couple Mike "The Miz" Mizanin and Maryse Mizanin give fans an inside look at their lives in the new docuseries "Miz & Mrs," premiering at 10 p.m. today on USA.

Scheduled on "Real Sports With Bryant Gumbel" (10 p.m., HBO), the Rams coach Sean McVay; freediving in the Philippines; an NFL lineman with a medical degree and a follow-up on a 2014 story about low wages in baseball's Minor Leagues.

SERIES NOTES

A Naval officer expires on "NCIS" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Acts audition on "America's Got Talent" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) * On two episodes of "The Middle" (ABC, r, TV-PG), Mother's Day (8 p.m.), Frankie wants Axl closer to home (8:30 p.m.) * Clarke struggles to save Abby

on "The 100" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * A sudden deployment leaves families in the lurch on "SEAL Team" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Andy Cohen hosts "Love Connection" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * On two episodes of "blackish" (ABC, r), college selection (9 p.m., TV-PG), holiday jingles (9:30 p.m., TV-14) * Talon can't control the creature she has summoned on "The Outpost" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) * An investigation leads Pride to one of his mom's old haunts on "NCIS: New Orleans" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Michael Scott Moore is

booked on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * Cedric the Entertainer, Julian Dennison and Tuxedo & Zapp appear on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, r) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Amy Poehler, Harland Williams, Tomi Adeyemi and Ashley McBryde on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Tony Shalhoub, Bo Burnham and Nate Smith visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Tom Cruise and Kacey Musgraves appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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COMMENTARY

It's time to junk racial quotas in higher education

“It’s time for enlightened America to hit reset on affirmative action once and for all,” writes Columbia University linguistics professor John McWhorter in *The American Interest*. By affirmative action, of course, he means the racial quotas and preferences that most selective college and university admissions departments employ.

“The reason America can never truly come together in understanding racial preferences is not benighted racism rearing its head as always,” he goes on. “It’s because the rationales simply no longer make any damned sense.” Forty years ago, they were arguably needed to reverse anti-black discrimination. Today, beneficiaries tend to come from upscale households or immigrant families never subject to discrimination here.

The weakness of the case in favor of racial quotas and preferences — which are literally racial discrimination, otherwise banned by the 14th Amendment and the 1964 Civil Rights Act — is illustrated in a *Washington Post* column by the thoughtful liberal Charles Lane subtitled “why restart the war?”

Lane doesn’t bother to defend this form of racial discrimination as a good thing. He just says that Donald Trump doesn’t oppose it and most of his voters don’t particularly care about it. On this issue, unlike many others, he’s ready to accept Trump’s and his followers’ priorities.

His equally thoughtful colleague Megan McArdle, assuming that ending quotas would reduce black and Hispanic numbers at selective schools, adds a curious defense of the status quo: “Elite institutions that systematically and markedly differ from the general population create a gaping social wound that never heals.” Really?

Our four most recent presidents, like eight of their predecessors, earned degrees at Harvard University or Yale University (both for George W. Bush). Our history has been far less blighted than Asia’s or Europe’s by resentment at or persecution of what Yale Law professor Amy Chua calls “market-dominant minorities.” Americans don’t much mind people of unusual ethnicity earning success by merit, whether in the National Basketball Association or in Nobel Prizes.

But pushing the case against racial quotas and preferences is the increasingly glaring contest between elite institutional practice and constitutional principle. “Governmental use of race must have a logical end point,” then-Justice Sandra O’Connor wrote Grutter v. Bollinger, allowing racial preferences at the University of Michigan Law School. “We expect that 25 years from now, the use of racial preferences will no longer be necessary to further the interest approved today.” That was in

2003. Ten years left to go.

It may come sooner. Earlier this month, the Trump administration Education and Justice Departments withdrew six possibly illegal guidance letters issued to colleges and universities by their Obama administration predecessors, encouraging racial discrimination in admissions.

Harvard faces a lawsuit from Asian-American plaintiffs charging it with racial discrimination against Asian-Americans similar to its 1920s to 1950s discrimination against Jews. Discovery has revealed that Asian-

American applicants with high test scores, grades and extracurriculars are regularly rated low on “positive personality.” Not the kind we want in our country club.

For me, the clinching argument against racial discrimination in admissions is not how it hurts Asians

or, to a much lesser extent, whites, but how it hurts the intended beneficiaries. As Richard Sander and Stuart Taylor showed in their 2012 book “Mismatch,” and as subsequent research has confirmed, black and Hispanic students who are less well-prepared than their schoolmates tend to struggle with instruction pitched to others more advanced and are more likely to shun science and tech courses and drop out without degrees.

The case for racial quotas and preferences rests heavily on the notion of “disparate impact” enunciated by the Supreme Court in the 1971 case Griggs v. Duke Power Co. The justices, familiar then with how Southern segregationists dissembled and disguised racial discrimination, ruled that differences between whites’ and blacks’ performance on seemingly race-neutral tests is evidence of illicit discrimination.

Similarly, as McArdle notes, segregation imposed by state law and sanctioned violence was still familiar when the Supreme Court allowed racially discriminatory admissions for “diversity” in Regents of the University of California v. Bakke in 1978. That was 40 years ago.

The fact is that a society as diverse and dynamic as America always has been and will have disparate impact of all kinds, sometimes the result of racial, ethnic or religious discrimination, more often the result of diverse interests, traditions, goals and skills. Trying to get the racial and ethnic balance in every occupational and educational group reflective of the total population is a fool’s errand.

Racial quotas and preferences have fostered a culture of dishonesty in higher education. Time to junk them and just be fair.

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COMMENTARY

Trump stands his ground on Putin

“The reason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.”

Under the Constitution, these are the offenses for which presidents can be impeached.

And to hear our elites, Donald Trump is guilty of them all.

Trump’s refusal to challenge Vladimir Putin’s claim at

Helsinki — that his GRU boys did not hack Hillary Clinton’s campaign — has been called treason, a refusal to do his sworn duty to protect and defend the United States, by a former director of the CIA.

Famed journalists and former high officials of the U.S. government have called Russia’s hacking of the DNC “an act of war” comparable to Pearl Harbor.

The *New York Times* ran a story on how many are now charging Trump with treason.

Others suggest Putin is blackmailing Trump or has him on his payroll or compromised Trump a long time ago.

Wailed Congressman Steve Cohen: “Where is our military folks? The Commander in Chief is in the hands of our enemy!”

Apparently, some on the left believe we need a military coup to save our democracy.

Not since Robert Welch of the John Birch Society called Dwight Eisenhower a “conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy” have such charges been hurled at a president. But while the Birchers were a bit outside the mainstream, today it is the establishment itself bawling “Treason!”

What explains the hysteria?

The worst-case scenario would be that the establishment actually believes the nonsense it is spouting. But that is hard to credit. Like the boy who cried “Wolf!” the establishment has cried “Fascist!” too many times to be

taken seriously.

A month ago, the never-Trumpers were comparing the separation of immigrant kids from detained adults, who brought them to the U.S. illegally, to FDR’s concentration camps for Japanese-Americans.

Some commentators equated the separations to what the Nazis did at Auschwitz.

If the establishment truly believed this nonsense, it would be an unacceptable security risk to let them near the levers of power ever again.

Using Occam’s razor, the real explanation for this behavior is the simplest one: America’s elites have been driven over the edge by Trump’s successes and their failure to block him.

Trump is deregulating the economy, cutting taxes, appointing record numbers of federal judges, reshaping the Supreme Court and using tariffs to cut trade deficits and the bully pulpit to castigate freeloading allies.

Worst of all, Trump clearly intends to carry out his campaign pledge to improve relations with Russia and get along with Vladimir Putin.

“Over our dead bodies!” the Beltway elite seems to be shouting. Hence the rhetorical WMDs hurled at Trump: Liar, dictator, authoritarian, Putin’s poodle, fascist, demagogue, traitor, Nazi.

Such language approaches incitement to violence. One wonders if the haters are considering the impact of the words they are so casually using. Some of us yet recall how Dallas was charged with complicity in the death of JFK for slurs far less toxic than this.

The post-Helsinki hysteria reveals not merely the mindset of the president’s enemies, but the depth of their determination to destroy him.

They intend to break Trump and bring him down, to see him impeached, removed, indicted and prosecuted, and the agenda on which he ran and was nominated and elected dumped onto the ash heap of history.

Thursday, Trump indi-

cated that he knows exactly what is afoot and threw down the gauntlet of defiance:

“The Fake News Media wants so badly to see a major confrontation with Russia, even a confrontation that could lead to war. They are pushing so recklessly hard and hate the fact that I’ll probably have a good relationship with Putin.”

Spot on. Trump is saying: I am going to call off this Cold War II before it breaks out into the hot war that nine U.S. presidents avoided, despite Soviet provocations far graver than Putin’s pilfering of DNC emails showing how Debbie Wasserman Schultz stuck it to Bernie Sanders.

Then the White House suggested Vlad may be coming to dinner this fall.

Trump is edging toward the defining battle of his presidency: a reshaping of U.S. foreign policy to avoid clashes and conflicts with Russia and the shedding of Cold War commitments no longer rooted in the national interests of this country.

Yet, should he attempt to carry out his agenda — to get out of Syria, pull troops out of Germany, take a second look at NATO’s Article 5 commitment to go to war for 29 nations, some of which, like Montenegro, most Americans have never heard of — he is headed for the most brutal battle of his presidency.

This Helsinki hysteria is but a taste.

By cheering Brexit, dissing the EU, suggesting NATO is obsolete, departing Syria, trying to get on with Putin, Trump is threatening the entire U.S. foreign policy establishment with what it fears most — irrelevance.

For if there is no war on, no war imminent and no war wanted, what does a War Party do?

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of a new book, “Nixon’s White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever.”

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AROUND TOWN

The American Red Cross is issuing an urgent call for blood donors of all blood types, especially type O. Schedule your donation appointment by using the free Blood Donor App, by visiting www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Help save a life by participating in one of the following American Red Cross blood donation opportunities: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. today, Central Carolina Technical College, 506 N. Guignard Drive; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, July 26, SAFE Federal Credit Union, 160 W. Wesmark Blvd.; and 2-7 p.m. Thursday, July 26, Grace Baptist Church, 219 W. Calhoun St.

A Red, White and Blue Ball, presented by American Legion Post 202 Women's Auxiliary, will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, July 28, at 310 Palmetto St. Event will feature DJ Smoove as well as free food. Tickets are \$20 each. Semi formal attire. Call Janetta at (803) 406-8038.

Central Carolina Technical College will hold a "Lunch and Learn" noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3, at the main campus, Building M400, Room M401. If you are the parent of a Sumter County high school student or eighth grade student, you are invited to have lunch on CCTC and learn about the college opportunities available to your child. Areas discussed will include: early college, dual enrollment, and Central Carolina Scholars and Scholarships. **Please RSVP by Monday, July 30**, at www.cctech.edu/lunchandlearn. Call Cathy Wood at (803) 778-6602.

The Fourth Annual Unity Prayer Breakfast, hosted by One Sumter Community, will be held at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church Enrichment Center, 315 W. Fulton St. Tickets are \$10 each. Call Joshua Dupree at (803) 795-3600 or Calvin Hastie at (803) 774-7776 for tickets.

The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will host a veterans helping veterans seminar 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at the Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. This event will

focus primarily on VA claims. All area veterans are invited and encouraged to attend. If you're having problems with claims, there will be someone at this meeting with information and answers to your questions.

The Sumter Satellite James R. Clark Memorial Sickle Cell Foundation will host a back-to-school giveaway from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave. There will be door prizes, lunch and fun and games.

The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. It is also time to reserve gala tables for Dec. 11. Contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or debra.canty@frontier.com.

The Sumter Branch NAACP's Annual Health Fair will be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the M.H. Newton Life Center, 415 Manning Ave.

The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will hold its annual golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Crystal Lakes Golf Course, 1305 Clara Louise Kellogg Drive. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Registration fee is \$50 per golfer limited to the first 40 teams. Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, souvenirs, cart, green fees and refreshments during play. Team format will be two person Captain's Choice. There will be first and second place prizes for men's and women's teams, closest to the pin and longest drive. Raffle tickets for a La-Z-Boy recliner will be \$2 each or three for \$5. Call Rich Grimsley at (803) 469-6227, Earnest Roland at (803) 840-0935 or Johnny Goodley at (803) 236-0488 or email at vnam6970@yahoo.com.

The 12th Annual Art in the Park will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Memorial Park. Art and craft, community corner and children's craft center vendor applications can be downloaded at HSNAsumtersc.com.

PUBLIC AGENDA

MID-CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ANNUAL HAIL AND FAREWELL
Today, 6 p.m., USC Sumter, Arts & Letters Banquet Hall, Room 142, 200 Miller Road

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Today, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Wednesday, 3 p.m., fourth floor, Sumter Opera House, Council Chambers

SUMTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce boardroom, 32 E. Calhoun St.

CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION
Thursday, 5:30 p.m., building M500, second floor, President's Conference Room, Main Campus, 506 N. Guignard Drive

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Being a good listener will help you

avoid an emotional falling-out with one of your friends, relatives or associates. Mull over what's being said and consider the best way to make what's put in front of you work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Hard work will bring about positive change. Listen to experts and come up with solutions that will benefit everyone. If you leave someone out of the mix, you will face opposition. Take your time and do things by the book.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Set the stage for success. Don't be afraid to step into the limelight and use your home base as your building block for future endeavors. Refuse to let anyone use emotional means to deter you from moving forward with your plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Know what and whom you are up against before you step into the ring. Use your imagination and ability to visualize what it is you want to do. Having a solid plan will make it difficult for others to interfere.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take a close look at your options; assess what others are doing. Don't feel you have to follow the crowd or get involved in something that is excessive financially or physically. Be honest with others as well as with yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stop thinking and start doing. You can bring about positive changes that will make you feel more comfortable about the direction your life is heading. Listen to someone you trust; it will prompt you to move forward with gusto.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Deal with those who are standing in your way. Obtaining a clear passage to pursue your goals will be essential if you want to be successful. Don't put up with complainers. Make your position known and proceed on your own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Too broad an outlook will lead to uncertainty. Tighten up your plans and look for alternatives that will allow you the freedom to make adjustments as you move forward. To eliminate undue stress, don't make promises.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Share an honest opinion when dealing with friends, relatives or peers. It's important not to lead anyone on if you want to maintain a stellar reputation. Don't reveal personal secrets or passwords. Diplomacy will be required to counter an unexpected reaction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your emotions will lead to positive changes. Don't fight the inevitable when you should embrace it. If someone doesn't like the choices you make, that's OK -- as long as you don't let him or her interfere in your plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Share your innovative ideas with people you feel you can assist. What you do for others will help deter an argument that can influence how or where you work. Avoid an argument, regardless of what others do or say.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your reputation will get a boost, and a chance to get ahead financially looks promising. A partnership will put you on solid ground personally and professionally. Make special plans with someone you love; together you'll build a stronger relationship.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					
Couple of thunderstorms	Some clouds, a t-storm; humid	Mainly cloudy with a t-storm	Mostly cloudy with a t-storm	A few showers in the afternoon	A thunderstorm possible
86°	70°	86° / 70°	89° / 73°	91° / 73°	93° / 73°
Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 30%
S 4-8 mph	SSE 4-8 mph	SW 4-8 mph	SW 4-8 mph	SSW 4-8 mph	WSW 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

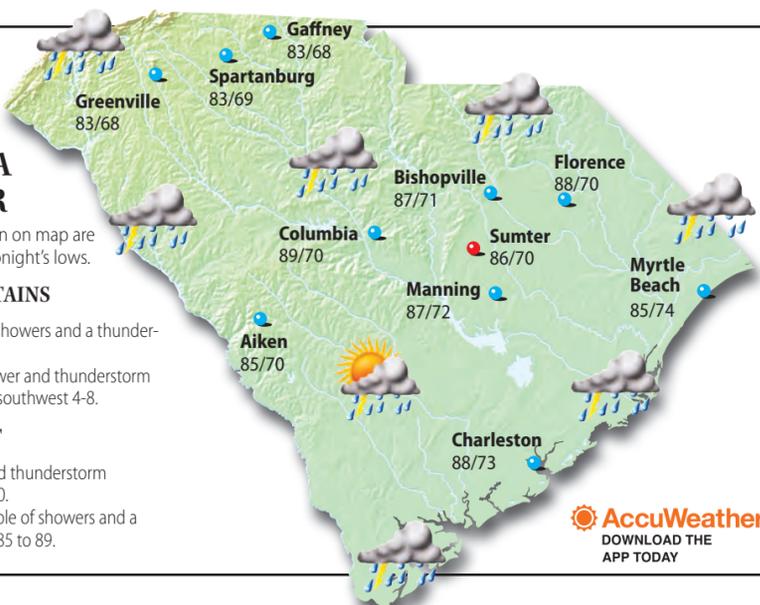
Today: A couple of showers and a thunderstorm, mainly later.

Wednesday: A shower and thunderstorm around. Winds west-southwest 4-8.

ON THE COAST

Today: A shower and thunderstorm around. High 85 to 90.

Wednesday: A couple of showers and a thunderstorm. High 85 to 89.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low
90°	90°	70°
Normal high	91°	Normal low
70°	Record high	101° in 1952
Record low	58° in 1974	

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.
0.00"	2.95"
Month to date	3.96"
Normal month to date	20.56"
Year to date	25.96"
Last year to date	26.75"
Normal year to date	

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.81	-0.04
Marion	76.8	75.59	+0.04
Moultrie	75.5	75.42	+0.03
Wateree	100	96.88	none

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	2.79	+0.14
Congaree River	19	3.61	-0.02
Lynches River	14	1.55	-0.06
Saluda River	14	2.44	-0.07
Up. Santee River	80	76.64	+0.04
Wateree River	24	5.41	-0.88

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:28 a.m.	Sunset	8:29 p.m.
Moonrise	6:10 p.m.	Moonset	3:48 a.m.

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TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	7:09 a.m.	2.6	2:04 a.m.	0.4
	7:56 p.m.	3.3	2:03 p.m.	0.2
Wed.	7:57 a.m.	2.7	2:51 a.m.	0.4
	8:40 p.m.	3.3	2:48 p.m.	0.2

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	85/69/t	88/70/t
Chicago	86/67/s	87/68/s
Dallas	98/74/pc	101/77/pc
Detroit	84/67/pc	85/64/pc
Houston	97/77/t	99/77/s
Los Angeles	96/72/s	97/72/s
New Orleans	93/79/s	94/79/pc
New York	82/74/sh	79/72/t
Oriando	86/73/t	88/73/t
Philadelphia	85/74/t	80/73/t
Phoenix	116/91/pc	116/90/pc
San Francisco	72/57/pc	71/57/pc
Wash., DC	81/73/t	83/72/t

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	80/66/t	82/64/t	Florence	88/70/t	87/73/t
Athens	84/69/t	88/70/t	Gainesville	89/74/t	87/74/t
Augusta	87/68/t	86/70/t	Gastonia	85/69/t	86/69/t
Beaufort	90/76/t	89/74/t	Goldsboro	84/71/t	88/70/t
Cape Hatteras	83/76/t	84/77/t	Goose Creek	87/73/t	86/74/t
Charleston	88/73/t	87/73/t	Greensboro	81/71/t	83/69/t
Charlotte	85/70/t	86/70/t	Greenville	83/68/t	84/68/t
Clemson	83/70/t	86/70/t	Hickory	80/68/t	83/66/t
Columbia	89/70/t	87/71/t	Hilton Head	87/77/t	86/77/t
Darlington	88/72/t	87/72/t	Jacksonville, FL	89/71/t	87/71/t
Elizabeth City	81/74/t	82/72/t	La Grange	86/71/t	88/71/t
Elizabethtown	85/73/t	85/72/t	Macon	88/69/t	89/70/t
Fayetteville	87/71/t	88/70/t	Marietta	84/68/t	88/68/t
			Marion	80/66/t	82/65/t
			Mt. Pleasant	87/75/t	86/76/t
			Myrtle Beach	85/74/t	86/73/t
			Orangeburg	87/72/t	86/72/t
			Port Royal	87/76/t	86/76/t
			Raleigh	81/71/t	84/71/t
			Rock Hill	85/70/t	86/70/t
			Rockingham	86/70/t	87/71/t
			Savannah	90/74/t	89/73/t
			Spartanburg	83/69/t	84/68/t
			Summerville	87/72/t	86/73/t
			Wilmington	82/74/t	84/74/t
			Winston-Salem	80/69/t	83/67/t



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PRO GOLF

Only thing flashy about Molinari is list of stars he beats



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Francesco Molinari of Italy holds the trophy after winning the British Open Golf Championship in Carnoustie, Scotland on Sunday.

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — There is nothing flashy about Francesco Molinari except for the players he keeps beating.

He was a forgotten figure when he teed off in the final round of the British Open, mainly because he was playing with Tiger Woods, and because of the star power around him. Jordan Spieth was tied for the lead. Rory McIlroy was one shot behind Molinari.

"If someone was expecting a charge, they probably weren't expecting it from me," he said. "But it's been the same the whole of my career."

His name etched into the silver claret jug should help with that. Now that's flashy.

And it wasn't an accident. The 35-year-old Italian was the hottest player in golf in the two months lead-

ing up to the British Open with two victories and two runner-up finishes. All he did at the BMW PGA Championship was go head-to-head with McIlroy in the final round and beat him by two. A month later, he shot 62 in the final round to win the Quicken Loans National, with tournament host Woods finishing fourth and presenting Molinari the trophy.

Carnoustie tempered some of that confidence.

Reputed to be the toughest links in golf, especially in the 20 mph gusts that finally arrived Sunday, Molinari stopped playing the Dunhill Links Championship because that one stop on the three-course rotation ate him up.

"I got beaten up around here a few times already in the past," Molinari said. "I didn't particularly enjoy that feeling."

And yet there he was in the final

round, with major champions in front of him and behind him and the biggest one of them all — Woods next to him in a final round so wild that seven players had a share of the lead at various times, and six players were tied on the back nine.

McIlroy and former U.S. Open champion Justin Rose made a charge. Woods and Spieth were among five contenders to make double bogeys.

In the midst of such great theater, Molinari made his biggest move by not going anywhere at all. He opened with 13 pars, including the 12th and 13th holes as Woods lost the lead with a double bogey and a bogey.

Molinari took the lead for the first time with a two-putt birdie on the par-5 14th. He made one more birdie on the final hole by hitting driving that narrowly avoided a pot bunker,

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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

When second is good

State tourney runner-up will join champion in Southeast Region

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The American Legion baseball state tournament moves to Columbia's Spirit Communications Park on Wednesday and winning the championship will be the main goal. However, it won't be the first goal.

The first goal is to be one of the two teams in the championship round. That's because the state runner-up will join the state champion in the Southeast Regional Tournament in Asheboro, North Carolina, beginning on Aug. 8.

The reason the Palmetto State will get two teams is because the state of Georgia will not field a team in the 8-team tournament.

The 4-team state tournament began on Monday with Midlands Region champion Sumter playing at Coastal Region champion Florence, and Piedmont Region champion Gaffney playing host to UpState Region champion Chapin/Newberry.

Two games will be played at Spirit Communications Park on Wednesday. The two losers will play an elimination game at 3 p.m. followed by the two winners playing at 7 p.m. The winner of that game will earn a spot in the Southeast Regional.

There is just one game scheduled for Thursday, and it is the one which will determine the second team in the championship round -- and earning a spot in the

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Monday
Game 1 — Sumter at Florence (late)
Game 2 — Chapin/Newberry at Gaffney (late) at Spirit Communications Park (in Columbia)

Wednesday
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 3 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.

Thursday
Game 5 — Game 4 loser vs. Game 3 winner, 7 p.m.

Friday
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, TBA
Game 7 — If necessary

Southeast Regional. It is scheduled for 7 p.m.

The final two teams will compete for the state title on Friday beginning at 4 p.m. If a second game is needed, it will be played 30 minutes following the completion of the first game.

The Southeast Regional Tournament will be played at McCrary Park Aug. 8-12. The South Carolina state champion is scheduled to play host Asheboro Post 45 in its first game, according to the bracket posted on the American Legion baseball website.

The Georgia state champion was scheduled to face the Alabama state champion in its first game, but the schedule hasn't been changed to indicate who the South Carolina runner-up will be facing.



DENNIS BRUNSON / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter pitcher Jacob Holladay throws his hand in the air as he is speared by teammate Josh Bryant as the P-15's begin to celebrate their 6-4 victory over Camden Post 17 on Saturday that earned them a spot in the state tournament. Sumter played at Florence on Monday to begin the tournament, which moves to Spirit Communications Park in Columbia on Wednesday.

PRO AUTO RACING

Harvick uses bump-and-run to win at N.H.

BY DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

LOUDON, N.H. — Kevin Harvick warned he was charging for the lead with taps on Kyle Busch's rear bumper over the waning laps. Harvick had failed to methodically work his way around the race leader with a clean pass, so he set aim with his Ford on Busch for the knockout shot.

Harvick nudged the right side of the Toyota and jostled Busch out of his groove and three lanes up the track. He zipped to the

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Kevin Harvick smiles as he holds up a large lobster in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series auto race Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon.

AREA ROUNDUP

Junior P-15's blank Georgetown 10-0, remain unbeaten at state

GEORGETOWN — The Sumter Junior P-15's remained undefeated in the Junior American Legion baseball state tournament with a 10-0, 5-inning victory over Georgetown on Sunday at Mike Johnson Park.

Sumter, which improved to 21-3-1 with the victory, was scheduled to play Aynor on Monday at 7 p.m. in the game between the final two undefeated teams in the 8-team tournament.

The P-15's rode the shutout pitching of Seth Posey. He went the distance on the mound, striking out five while allowing just four

hits.

Sumter led just 1-0 through the first three innings before scoring six runs in the bottom of the fourth for a 7-0 advantage. The Junior P-15's scored three runs in the fifth to end the game via the 10-run mercy rule.

Sumter finished with 11 hits with Victor Brown, Dustin Kennedy and Tanner Epps each picking up two. Kennedy drove in three runs, while Brown and Kieran Hagerty both drove in two.

Hagerty and Wylie Coker both walked twice.

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SCOREBOARD

TODAY

TV, RADIO
5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: German Championships Early-Round Matches from Hamburg, Germany (TENNIS).
8 a.m. — International Cycling: Tour de France Stage 16 from Bagneres-de-Luchon, France (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9 a.m. — Professional Tennis: German Championships Early-Round Matches from Hamburg, Germany (TENNIS).
Noon — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Miami (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
6 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: K&N Pro Series East from Thompson, Conn. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia or New York Yankees at Tampa Bay (MLB NETWORK).
8 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: New York at Minnesota (ESPN2).
5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: German Championships Early-Round Matches from Hamburg, Germany (TENNIS).

MLB STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	55	43	.561	—
Atlanta	53	43	.552	1
Washington	49	49	.500	6
Miami	43	58	.426	13½
New York	40	56	.417	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	58	40	.592	—
Milwaukee	56	45	.554	3½
Pittsburgh	51	49	.510	8
St. Louis	50	49	.505	8½
Cincinnati	43	56	.434	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	55	44	.556	—
Arizona	54	46	.540	1½
Colorado	53	46	.535	2
San Francisco	51	50	.505	5
San Diego	41	61	.402	15½

SUNDAY

N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.
 San Diego 10, Philadelphia 2, 1st game
 Pittsburgh 9, Cincinnati 2
 Tampa Bay 6, Miami 4
 Washington 6, Atlanta 2
 L.A. Dodgers 11, Milwaukee 2
 Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 2
 Oakland 6, San Francisco 5, 10 innings
 Arizona 6, Colorado 1
 Philadelphia 5, San Diego 0, 2nd game

TODAY

Atlanta (Teheran 7-6) at Miami (Chen 2-7), 12:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 7-5) at Philadelphia (Nola 12-3), 7:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Musgrove 3-4) at Cleveland (Bieber 5-1), 7:10 p.m.
 San Diego (Lucchesi 4-5) at N.Y. Mets (Vargas 2-6), 7:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (Gomber 0-0) at Cincinnati (Bailey 1-7), 7:10 p.m.
 Arizona (TBD) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 6-8), 8:05 p.m.
 Washington (Hellickson 4-1) at Milwaukee (Guerra 6-6), 8:10 p.m.
 Houston (Cole 10-2) at Colorado (Anderson 6-3), 8:40 p.m.
 San Francisco (Suarez 3-6) at Seattle (Paxton 8-4), 10:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 12:35 p.m.
 St. Louis at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1:10 p.m.
 Washington at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
 Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
 San Francisco at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.
 Houston at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	70	31	.693	—
New York	63	34	.649	5
Tampa Bay	50	49	.505	19
Toronto	46	52	.469	22½
Baltimore	28	72	.280	41½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	54	44	.551	—
Minnesota	44	53	.454	9½
Detroit	42	59	.416	13½
Chicago	34	64	.347	20
Kansas City	30	68	.306	24

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	66	36	.647	—
Seattle	60	40	.600	5
Oakland	57	43	.570	8
Los Angeles	50	50	.500	15
Texas	42	58	.420	23

SUNDAY

N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.
 Toronto 5, Baltimore 4
 Boston 9, Detroit 1
 Tampa Bay 6, Miami 4
 Kansas City 5, Minnesota 3
 Texas 5, Cleveland 0
 Oakland 6, San Francisco 5, 10 innings
 L.A. Angels 14, Houston 5
 Seattle 8, Chicago White Sox 2

TODAY

Boston (Pomeranz 1-3) at Baltimore (Ramirez 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Berrios 9-7) at Toronto (Borucki 0-1), 7:07 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 6-4) at Tampa Bay (Snell 12-5), 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Musgrove 3-4) at Cleveland (Bieber 5-1), 7:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Montas 5-2) at Texas (Minor 6-6), 8:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Zimmermann 4-1) at Kansas City (Smith 0-1), 8:15 p.m.
 Houston (Cole 10-2) at Colorado (Anderson 6-3), 8:40 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Rodon 2-3) at L.A. Angels (Pena 1-0), 10:07 p.m.
 San Francisco (Suarez 3-6) at Seattle (Paxton 8-4), 10:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 12:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1:10 p.m.
 Detroit at Kansas City, 2:15 p.m.
 Minnesota at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.
 San Francisco at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.
 Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Houston at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	15	9	.625	—
Washington	14	10	.583	1
Connecticut	13	12	.520	2½
Chicago	8	17	.320	7½
New York	7	17	.292	8
Indiana	3	22	.120	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	18	7	.720	—
Los Angeles	15	10	.600	3
Phoenix	15	10	.600	3
Minnesota	14	10	.583	3½
Dallas	14	11	.560	4
Las Vegas	12	13	.480	6

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta 87, Seattle 74
 Connecticut 92, Dallas 75
 Los Angeles 93, Chicago 76
 Las Vegas 88, Indiana 74

MONDAY'S GAMES

No games scheduled

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

Seattle at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 New York at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Atlanta at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
 Wednesday's Games
 Chicago at Phoenix, 3:30 p.m. <

BASEBALL LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING — Markakis, Atlanta, .322; Almora, Chicago, .321; Gennett, Cincinnati, .319; Kemp, Los Angeles, .316; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, .315; Freeman, Atlanta, .315; Arenado, Colorado, .310; Suarez, Cincinnati, .307; Realmuto, Miami, .307; Yelich, Milwaukee, .303.
RUNS — Blackmon, Colorado, 76; Albies, Atlanta, 75; Arenado, Colorado, 66; Pham, St. Louis, 66; Carpenter, St. Louis, 65; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 65; Baez, Milwaukee, 62; 2 tied at 60.

RBIs — Baez, Chicago, 74; Arenado, Colorado, 72; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 71; Suarez, Cincinnati, 71; Story, Colorado, 68; Freeman, Atlanta, 64; Rizzo, Chicago, 64; Gennett, Cincinnati, 63; Kemp, Los Angeles, 62; Markakis, Atlanta, 62.

HITS — Markakis, Atlanta, 122; Freeman, Atlanta, 117; Albies, Atlanta, 115; Castro, Miami, 115; Gennett, Cincinnati, 115; Peraza, Cincinnati, 112; Anderson, Miami, 110; Arenado, Colorado, 110; Story, Colorado, 110; Blackmon, Colorado, 109.

DOUBLES — Albies, Atlanta, 30; Carpenter, St. Louis, 30; Markakis, Atlanta, 29; Story, Colorado, 27; Baez, Chicago, 26; Freeman, Atlanta, 26; Rendon, Washington, 25; 5 tied at 23.

TRIPLES — KMartez, Arizona, 9; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 8; Baez, Chicago, 6; Nimmo, New York, 6; 7 tied at 5.
HOME RUNS — Aguilar, Milwaukee, 25; Arenado, Colorado, 25; Carpenter, St. Louis, 25; Harper, Washington, 24; Muncy, Los Angeles, 22; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 21; Albies, Atlanta, 20; Story, Colorado, 20; 6 tied at 19.

STOLEN BASES — SMartez, Pittsburgh, 25; MTaylor, Washington, 24; Inciarte, Atlanta, 23; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 22; Turner, Washington, 22; Baez, Chicago, 19; Cain, Milwaukee, 18; Peraza, Cincinnati, 17; Dyson, Arizona, 16; 3 tied at 14.

PITCHING — Scherzer, Washington, 13-5; Lester, Chicago, 12-3; Nola, Philadelphia, 12-3; Godley, Arizona, 11-6; Greinke, Arizona, 11-5; Mikolas, St. Louis, 10-3; Quintana, Chicago, 9-6; 9 tied at 8.

ERA — deGrom, New York, 1.68; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.30; Scherzer, Washington, 2.43; Mikolas, St. Louis, 2.82; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 2.85; Greinke, Arizona, 3.05; Lester, Chicago, 3.14; Corbin, Arizona, 3.24; Freeland, Colorado, 3.28; Arrieta, Philadelphia, 3.47.

STRIKEOUTS — Scherzer, Washington, 189; Corbin, Arizona, 149; deGrom, New York, 149; Greinke, Arizona, 137; Nola, Philadelphia, 131; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 125; Gray, Colorado, 125; Pivetta, Philadelphia, 122; Godley, Arizona, 114; Marquez, Colorado, 112.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING — Betts, Boston, .352; Altuve, Houston, .328; Martinez, Boston, .322; Segura, Seattle, .321; Machado, Los Angeles, .315; Duffy, Tampa Bay, .314; Rosario, Minnesota, .309; Simmons, Los Angeles, .307; Trout, Los Angeles, .307; Castellanos, Detroit, .304.

RUNS — Lindor, Cleveland, 86; Betts, Boston, 80; Trout, Los Angeles, 73; Martinez, Boston, 72; Benintendi, Boston, 70; Ramirez, Cleveland, 70; Judge, New York, 68; Segura, Seattle, 68; Springer, Houston, 68; 2 tied at 67.

RBIs — Martinez, Boston, 81; Ramirez, Cleveland, 72; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 68; KDavis, Oakland, 67; Haniger, Seattle, 67; Bregman, Houston, 66; Machado, Los Angeles, 65; Bogaerts, Boston, 64; Gattis, Houston, 63; Lindor, Cleveland, 63.

HITS — Altuve, Houston, 131; Segura, Seattle, 123; Rosario, Minnesota, 120; Castellanos, Detroit, 118; Lindor, Cleveland, 117; Martinez, Boston, 116; Machado, Los Angeles, 115; Ramirez, Cleveland, 112; Betts, Boston, 111; Merrifield, Kansas City, 111.

DOUBLES — Escobar, Minnesota, 36; Lindor, Cleveland, 33; Bregman, Houston, 32; Castellanos, Detroit, 30; Merrifield, Kansas City, 30; Andujar, New York, 29; Bogaerts, Boston, 28; 4 tied at 27.

TRIPLES — Sanchez, Chicago, 9; Smith, Tampa Bay, 7; Benintendi, Boston, 6; Hernandez, Toronto, 6; Moncada, Chicago, 5; Gordon, Seattle, 4; Jones, Detroit, 4; Moreland, Boston, 4; Profar, Texas, 4; Wendle, Tampa Bay, 4.

HOME RUNS — Ramirez, Cleveland, 30; Martinez, Boston, 29; Judge, New York, 26; Trout, Los Angeles, 26; Lindor, Cleveland, 25; Gallo, Texas, 24; Machado, Los Angeles, 24; Betts, Boston, 23; KDavis, Oakland, 23; Stanton, New York, 23.

STOLEN BASES — Gordon, Seattle, 22; Anderson, Chicago, 21; Ramirez, Cleveland, 20; Betts, Boston, 18; DeShields, Texas, 18; Benintendi, Boston, 17; Merrifield, Kansas City, 17; Smith, Tampa Bay, 17;

RDavis, Cleveland, 16; Trout, Los Angeles, 16.
PITCHING — Severino, New York, 14-2; Carrasco, Cleveland, 12-5; Kluber, Cleveland, 12-5; Snell, Tampa Bay, 12-5; Gonzales, Seattle, 11-5; Morton, Houston, 11-2; Porcello, Boston, 11-4; Price, Boston, 11-6; Rodriguez, Boston, 11-3; Sale, Boston, 11-4.
ERA — Sale, Boston, 2.13; Verlander, Houston, 2.19; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.27; Severino, New York, 2.31; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.44; Cole, Houston, 2.53; Skaggs, Los Angeles, 2.68; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.76; Morton, Houston, 2.96; 2 tied at 3.38.
STRIKEOUTS — Sale, Boston, 197; Verlander, Houston, 183; Bauer, Cleveland, 182; Cole, Houston, 177; Paxton, Seattle, 155; Morton, Houston, 146; Severino, New York, 144; Snell, Tampa Bay, 134; Kluber, Cleveland, 132; Happ, Toronto, 130.

BARBASOL CHAMPIONSHIP

PAR SCORES

Monday

At Keene Trace GC

Nicholasville, Ky.

Purse: \$3.5 million

Yardage: 7,328; Par: 72

Final

Troy Merritt (300), \$630,000	62-67-69-67	-265	-23
Billy Horschel (117), \$261,333	65-66-68-67	-266	-22
Tom Lovelady (117), \$261,333	66-67-65-68	-266	-22
Richy Werenski (117), \$261,333	66-66-68-66	-266	-22
J.T. Poston (65), \$140,000	69-66-66-66	-267	-21
Brian Gay (60), \$126,000	67-68-68-65	-268	-20
Cameron Percy (50), \$109,083	67-64-69-69	-269	-19
Hunter Mahan (50), \$109,083	66-68-64-71	-269	-19
Sam Ryder (50), \$109,083	68-68-63-70	-269	-19
Robert Streb (39), \$91,000	67-68-63-72	-270	-18
Steve Wheatcroft (39), \$91,000	68-72-65-66	-271	-17
William McGirt (33), \$73,500	71-65-63-72	-271	-17
Ben Silverman (33), \$73,500	67-70-69-65	-271	-17
Zac Blair (29), \$54,250	69-67-66-70	-272	-16
David Lingmerth (29), \$54,250	66-72-66-69	-272	-16
Conrad Shindler (29), \$54,250	72-64-69-67	-272	-16
Scott Brown (22), \$31,150	68-70-68-67	-273	-15
Jonathan Byrd (22), \$31,150	66-72-66-69	-273	-15
Stephan Jaeger (22), \$31,150	70-67-70-66	-273	-15
Danny Lee (22), \$31,150	69-68-67-69	-273	-15
Peter Mainati (22), \$31,150	69-68-71-65	-273	-15
John Peterson, \$31,150	67-71-68-67	-273	-15
Andres Romero (22), \$31,150	65-67-70-71	-273	-15
Heath Slocum (22), \$31,150	71-67-68-67	-273	-15
Brian Stuard (22), \$31,150	68-70-65-70	-273	-15
Nick Taylor (22), \$31,150	67-71-66-69	-273	-15
John VanDerLaan, \$21,700	67-70-67-70	-274	-14
Johnson Wagner (16), \$21,700	69-66-70-69	-274	-14
Xinjun Zhang (16), \$21,700	70-65-67-72	-274	-14
Billy Hurley III (12), \$17,675	71-67-69-68	-275	-13
Sebastian Munoz, \$17,675	67-70-70-68	-275	-13
John Oda, \$17,675	69-69-69-68	-275	-13

PRO GOLF

Merritt wins rain-delayed Barbasol, gains spot in PGA

NICHOLASVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Troy Merritt briefly wondered about trying another line of work as time passed following his initial PGA Tour victory more than three years ago.

He can now look forward to two more years as a professional and participation in next month's PGA Championship after clutch putting earned him his second trophy.

Merritt shot a 5-under 67 on Monday to win the rain-delayed Barbasol Championship by one stroke. He led or shared the lead after each round. This was his second career PGA Tour victory and came with a spot in the PGA Championship at Bellerive in St. Louis.

A pretty nice payoff for renewed dedication that helped him keep his tour card after struggling to follow up his 2015 Quicken Loans National victory.

"You always ask yourself, is this the time to move on?" said Merritt, who earned \$630,000 and 300 FedEx Cup points with the victory. He also is exempt through the 2019-20 season.

"To get a win like this late in the season and move up to No. 65 on the points list and secure a job for two more years, it's a pretty good feeling."

The win highlights a good run for Merritt, who is 34-under par in his last seven rounds dating back to the second round of last week's John Deere Classic. He tied for 43rd.

Merritt was one of four players tied for the lead at 18 under when the round at Barbasol began. He made five birdies, including an eagle on the par-4 eighth hole, to stay in contention.

Consecutive birdies on Nos. 14 and 15 at the Champions Trace at Keene Trace Golf Club put him into the lead before he finished with pars for a 23-under 265.



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Troy Merritt tees off on the eighth hole during the rain-delayed final round of the Barbasol Championship golf tournament at Keene Trace Golf Club in Nicholasville, Kentucky, on Monday. Merritt shot a 5-under 76 to win by one stroke.

"We knew it was going to take a lot of birdies to get the job done, but we didn't focus on any final number," Merritt said. "We just continued to do our best on each shot and counted them up at the end, and it was one shot in the positive for us."

Billy Horschel (67), Richy Werenski (66) and Tom Lovelady (68) were a stroke behind. J.T. Poston was fifth at 21 under, with Brian Gay sixth at 20 under.

The Monday finish was the PGA Tour's second this season and first since Jason Day won the Farmers Insurance Open in January on the sixth playoff hole.

The final round had a playoff feel as well,

HARVICK

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front with a textbook bump-and-run that led to a beer-soaked celebration and left Busch fuming — the move of the race in another stellar showcase for the leader of the Big Three.

Harvick outdueled Busch over the final 10 laps to win a thrilling battle of two of NASCAR's dominant drivers Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

"I felt like it was my best opportunity to do what I had to do to win," Harvick said. "I didn't want to wreck him. But I didn't want to waste a bunch of time behind him."

Busch, the temperamental 2015 series champion, had a different view.

"I think he could have made the move work cleaner than that," Busch said.

Busch said he expected for Harvick to keep trying for the decisive pass until there were about two or three laps left.

"I figured that's exactly what he was thinking," Harvick said, smiling. "I knew I needed to take the opportunity as soon as I could get it. We needed to do it when he wasn't expecting it."

Harvick crew chief Rodney Childers had exhorted Harvick over the radio to do what he needed to do to snag that checkered flag.

"He was in the lane that I needed to be in and as you get to the end," Harvick said, "you've got to be aggressive."

Harvick raced to his sixth victory of the season for Stewart-Haas Racing and finished in the top two in some order with Busch for the fourth time this year.

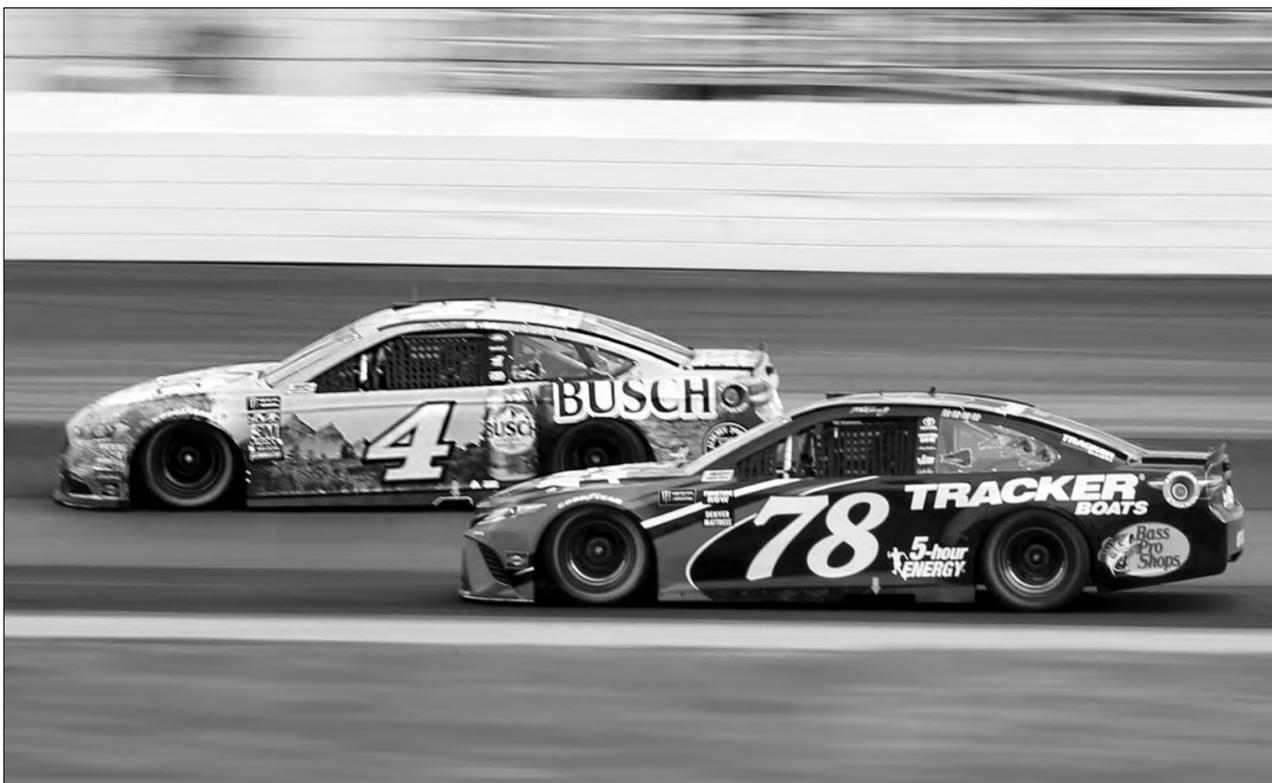
Harvick, Busch and Martin Truex Jr. — NASCAR's Big Three — have won a combined 15 times in the 20 Cup races. Busch has five wins and Truex, who was fourth Sunday, has four.

There was nearly an outlier in a race delayed more than three hours by rain.

Aric Almirola, who replaced retired Danica Patrick this season in the No. 10 Ford, threatened to crash the party and win his second career Cup race. He led for more than 40 laps late until he was derailed by a poor pit stop and then spun his tires on a restart that likely cost him his first win since July 2014.

"You think I'd be happy," he said.

Not in this race. But it was a banner weekend for SHR: Kurt Busch won the pole and finished eighth; and Harvick and Almirola placed



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Kevin Harvick (4) and Martin Truex Jr. (78) race through turn 1 during the NASCAR Cup Series auto race on Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon.

in the top five.

Almirola, though, was the latest also-ran to realize drivers have to be flawless to catch either of the Big Three.

Harvick, who won his 43rd career race, made the perfect pass in New Hampshire.

Harvick reeled off three straight victories at Atlanta, Las Vegas and Phoenix and went back-to-back in May at Dover and Kansas. It had been seven races since he reached victory lane.

He found the way again in the No. 4 Ford to celebrate again for Stewart-Haas Racing. His six wins are a career-best, topping the five he reached in his 2014 championship season and 2006.

ONE AND DONE

New Hampshire hosted its only Cup weekend of the season because track owner Speedway Motorsports Inc. transferred the fall playoff race to Las Vegas Motor Speedway. New Hampshire ran its first Cup race in 1993 and got a second date in 1997.

The track will fill the open date in September with the NASCAR Modified Tour. New Hampshire also plans to hold a country music festival in 2019.

Track general manager Dave McGrath said there was a modest ticket bump from Sunday's race compared to last July. He did not reveal attendance numbers.

"There's no significant drop

year over year. We're holding our own," McGrath said. "I wish that everybody that was here in September was here in July but I think that's going to take a few years for that to truly take hold. The good news is, that level, steady (crowd) is a big win in my book. That clearly shows we're keeping those that we had and it's our job now to find that next group to come and be part of the weekend."

WORKING FOR THE WEEKEND

Loverboy played the pre-race concert in the rain.

Loverboy's song "Heaven in Your Eyes" was on the "Top Gun" soundtrack in 1986 and Tom Cruise recently started filming the sequel "Top Gun: Maverick."

Lead singer Mike Reno said he recorded a song he hoped would be used in the movie.

"We recorded it and I sent it out. I don't know if they're going to take it," Reno said. "I'm hoping they pick some nice retro music, rather than go with the new stuff. When you listen to the song we recorded for the new 'Top Gun,' you can almost hear the jets flying by."

UP NEXT

The series heads to Pocono Raceway where Kyle Busch is the defending race winner.

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NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP-FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO 301 RESULTS

By The Associated Press

Sunday
At New Hampshire Motor Speedway
Loudon, N.H.

Lap length: 1.06 miles

(Start position in parentheses)

1. (14) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 301.
2. (3) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 301.
3. (13) Aric Almirola, Ford, 301.
4. (2) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 301.
5. (10) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 301.
6. (18) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 301.
7. (5) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 301.
8. (1) Kurt Busch, Ford, 301.
9. (19) Joey Logano, Ford, 301.
10. (21) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 301.
11. (8) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 301.
12. (20) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 301.
13. (4) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 301.
14. (11) William Byron, Chevrolet, 301.
15. (31) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 301.
16. (7) Erik Jones, Toyota, 301.
17. (12) Paul Menard, Ford, 301.
18. (22) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 301.
19. (26) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 301.
20. (24) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 300.
21. (17) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 300.
22. (9) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 300.
23. (25) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 300.
24. (27) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 299.
25. (32) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 298.
26. (29) Michael McDowell, Ford, 298.
27. (33) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 298.
28. (28) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 298.
29. (30) David Ragan, Ford, 298.
30. (23) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 296.
31. (35) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, 294.
32. (6) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 293.
33. (37) Blake Jones, Toyota, 289.
34. (36) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 267.
35. (15) Clint Bowyer, Ford, Accident, 255.
36. (16) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, Accident, 19.
37. (34) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, Accident, 13.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 110.49 mph.
Time of Race: 2 Hours, 52 Minutes, 56 Seconds. Margin of Victory: 1.877 Seconds.

Caution Flags: 7 for 31 laps.

Lead Changes: 10 among 7 drivers.

Lap Leaders: Kurt Busch 1-37; R. Stenhouse Jr. 38-48; M. Truex Jr. 49-131; C. Elliott 132-154; Kurt Busch 155-211; A. Almirola 212-228; K. Harvick 229-232; A. Almirola 233-257; K. Harvick 258; Kyle Busch 259-294; K. Harvick 295-301.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Kurt Busch 2 times for 94 laps; M. Truex Jr. 1 time for 83 laps; A. Almirola 2 times for 42 laps; Kyle Busch 1 time for 36 laps; C. Elliott 1 time for 23 laps; K. Harvick 3 times for 12 laps; R. Stenhouse Jr. 1 time for 11 laps.

ROUNDUP

FROM PAGE B1

SUMTER 14S WIN

NORTH AUGUSTA -- The Sumter Dixie Boys 14-year-old all-star baseball team split its first two games in the state tournament.

Sumter defeated Hartsville Northern 11-2 in the opening game on Saturday before falling to Lancaster 15-5 on Sunday.

Sumter was scheduled to play Midlands in an elimination game on Monday at 8 p.m.

In the victory over Hartsville Northern, James Wylie picked up the victory, allowing just two hits in 4 1/3 innings while striking out six. Wylie also hit a home run.

Dylan Richardson went 3-for-3 while scoring four runs, and Tyler Jones had two doubles, four RBI and two runs.

In Sunday's loss, Travis Pillsbury had two hits and scored a run.

SUMTER "O"ZONE TEAM FALLS

MONCKS CORNER — The Sumter 11-12 year-old "O"Zone all-star baseball team lost to Hartsville National 4-0 in the deciding game of the state tournament championship series on Sunday at Moncks Corner Regional Recreation Complex.

After winning the first game of the best-of-3 series on Saturday 6-3, Sumter failed to score in the two losses.

Chandler Richardson and Hayden Mims each had a hit for Sumter, which finished as the state runner-up for the second straight year.

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PRO GOLF

This version of Woods seems like a nostalgia act

BY TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Columnist

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — All around him on a windy summer day on the links of Carnoustie, the leaders were imploding as Tiger Woods moved into the lead at the turn. It felt like old times at the British Open, as familiar as his Sunday red shirt and the swarm of fans that cheered his every shot.

Then Woods imploded, too, and there's something that's become increasingly familiar about that.

If this was the Woods of 15 years ago, he likely would be "the champion golfer of the year," as they say over here, and have his name on the claret jug a fourth time. The fans felt this could be the culmination of the comeback. Twitter told late-rising Americans to get to their screens, and fans at church services checked the scores from Scotland incredulously.

But what felt like old times for a brief moment ended up as just another collapse story, like the ones Woods' fans have seen more recently.

Francesco Molinari, Woods' partner on Sunday, won the tournament with no bogeys over the final 37 holes. Woods finished tied for sixth.

Woods flinched when it mattered most, the nerves of a 42-year-old on display for all to see. Just when he took the lead and everyone's imagination began to swirl about what might be, he kicked away his best chance of breaking a decade-long drought in major championships.

Even a long hug from his two children afterward wasn't enough to ease the sting.

"A little ticked off at myself, for sure," Woods said. "I had a chance starting that back nine to do something, and I didn't do it."

Woods had the tournament in his hands after hitting a brilliant fairway bunker shot to make par on No. 10. He walked to the next tee with a one-shot lead.

Then his tee shot went right, and his second shot veered way left. Woods got a break by hitting someone in the gallery, but then left his pitch hanging precariously on the side of a pot bunker.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tiger Woods plays out of a bunker on the 10th hole during the final round for the 147th British Open Golf championships in Carnoustie, Scotland, on Sunday.

When he missed an 8-footer to make double bogey he was out of the lead. Another bogey on the next hole, and he was basically out of the tournament.

It used to be that Woods was steely and superhuman, and no one dared get in his way. Now he's more of a nostalgia act teasing fans with sparks of his past greatness.

"He wouldn't tell you, but he's human," Jordan Spieth said. "That kind of pressure that he would have felt leading the Open on a Sunday is no different than anybody else, especially having not experienced it for so long."

Spieth had his own issues, of course, kicking away a share of the lead on his way to a fat 76 in the final round. But Spieth is a 24-year-old with three major titles and many years to get more.

Woods is in a race against time — and that's a race no one ever seems to win.

"It didn't feel any different," he insisted. "It didn't feel any different to be next to the lead and knowing what I need to do. I've done it so many different ways."

But it was different, as different as his bald spot is to the full head of hair he had in his prime.

It wasn't like the course wasn't gettable. Molinari didn't make a bogey on his way to a 69 while playing alongside Woods. A Brit named Eddie Pepperell shot 67 with a hangover to end up tied with him.

"Sometimes I have a few drinks," said Pepperell, who finished as Woods was in the lead. "Tiger is minus-7, he didn't have a drink last night, I bet. Proper athlete."

Of that there is little doubt. Woods looks as strong as he did in his prime, even though he's had surgeries, a sex-scandal, a divorce and a drug-related DUI.

But good muscles don't mean calm nerves. And throughout his comeback year Woods has misfired every time he has gotten near contention.

It might be because there is so much as stake, despite a legacy from his earlier years that is already in golf's record

books.

Another major would have validated years of struggles. A tie for sixth means nothing.

Woods embraced his two children, telling them he hoped they were proud of him for trying hard. He spoke about it later, in a rare personal admission for a player who grew up as a celebrity and has fought hard to keep his privacy over the years.

"It's pretty emotional because they gave me some pretty significant hugs there and squeezed," Woods said. "I know that they know how much this championship means to me and how much it feels good to be back playing again. To me, it's just so special to have them aware because I've won a lot of golf tournaments in my career, but they don't remember any of them."

It was a tender moment between a father and his kids, but also another reminder that Father Time waits for no one.

Not even Tiger Woods.

MOLINARI FROM PAGE B1

leaving him a lob wedge to 5 feet for a birdie that secured his place in history as Italy's first major champion.

"That putt on the last, I'll never forget," he said.

Molinari closed with a 69, significant for two reasons. He was the only player from the final two groups to break par, and he didn't make a bogey over the last 37 holes.

"He's been playing unbelievable golf. He's been working his butt off," Spieth said. "I see him in the gym all the time, going through his routine, grinding on the range, doing his own stuff. It truly is hard work that paid off for Francesco. I'm certainly happy for him. I've watched this through the PGA Tour this year day in and day out, seeing him work as hard as anyone else."

Solid off the tee, suspect at times on the green, Molinari first showed his potential in a World Golf Championship in Shanghai in 2010 when Lee Westwood made his debut at No. 1 in the world. Westwood beat everyone else by nine shots in the HSBC Champions and lost by one to Molinari.

That was the second win of his career for Molinari, and remained his biggest win against a strong field until he arrived

at Carnoustie.

Molinari, whose older brother Edoardo won the 2005 U.S. Amateur and played with him in the 2010 Ryder Cup, comes from a country known more for soccer and skiing than golf. They had their chance at glory two decades ago. Molinari was 12 and watching on TV when Costantino Rocca rolled in that putt across the Valley of Sin on the 18th at St. Andrews to force a playoff with John Daly in the 1995 British Open.

Daly wound up winning the four-hole playoff. Rocca was paired in the final round with Woods two years later at the 1997 Masters, but that wasn't much of a contest.

Now, Italy has the champion golfer of the year.

"The last round already was big news in Italy," Molinari said. "Obviously, to achieve something like this is on another level. Hopefully, there were a lot of young kids watching on TV today, like I was watching Costantino in '95 coming so close. Hopefully, they will get as inspired as I was at the time, watching him vie for the claret jug."

The victory was the seventh of his career, and it moved him to No. 6 in the world, right in front of McIlroy and Spieth.

BRITISH OPEN SCORES

By The Associated Press

Sunday
At Royal & Ancient Golf Club, Carnoustie, Scotland
Purse: \$10.5 million
Yardage: 7,402; Par: 71

Final

a-amateur

Francesco Molinari (600), \$1,890,000	70-72-65-69—276	Satoshi Kodaira (22), \$53,750	72-71-68-74—285
Kevin Kisner (203), \$694,250	66-70-68-74—278	Henrik Stenson (22), \$53,750	70-75-71-69—285
Rory McIlroy (203), \$694,250	69-69-70-70—278	Cameron Davis, \$41,375	71-72-73-70—286
Justin Rose (203), \$694,250	72-73-64-69—278	Ross Fisher (15), \$41,375	75-70-68-73—286
Xander Schauffele (203), \$694,250	71-66-67-74—278	Ryan Fox, \$41,375	74-71-71-70—286
Kevin Chappell (101), \$327,000	70-69-67-73—279	Masahiro Kawamura, \$41,375	77-67-71-71—286
Eddie Pepperell, \$327,000	71-70-71-67—279	Brooks Koepka (15), \$41,375	72-69-75-70—286
Tiger Woods (101), \$327,000	71-71-66-71—279	HaoTong Li, \$41,375	71-72-67-76—286
Tony Finau (82), \$219,000	67-71-71-71—280	Luke List (15), \$41,375	70-70-77-69—286
Matt Kuchar (82), \$219,000	70-68-70-72—280	Kyle Stanley (15), \$41,375	72-69-69-76—286
Jordan Spieth (82), \$219,000	72-67-65-76—280	Sean Crocker, \$31,000	71-71-69-76—287
Patrick Cantlay (65), \$154,500	70-71-70-70—281	Tom Lewis, \$31,000	75-70-68-74—287
Tommy Fleetwood (65), \$154,500	72-65-71-73—281	Yusaku Miyazato, \$31,000	71-74-65-77—287
Ryan Moore (65), \$154,500	68-73-69-71—281	Brendan Steele (10), \$31,000	68-76-73-70—287
Thorbjørn Olesen, \$154,500	70-70-70-71—281	Byeong Hun An (7), \$27,161	73-71-66-78—288
Webb Simpson (65), \$154,500	70-71-67-73—281	Paul Casey (7), \$27,161	73-71-72-72—288
Jason Day (51), \$109,714	71-71-66-71—282	Bryson DeChambeau (7), \$27,161	75-70-73-70—288
Charley Hoffman (51), \$109,714	71-70-68-73—282	Jason Dufner (7), \$27,161	75-70-68-75—288
Zach Johnson (51), \$109,714	69-67-72-74—282	Tyrrell Hatton (7), \$27,161	74-71-72-71—288
Alex Noren (51), \$109,714	70-71-67-74—282	Lucas Herbert, \$27,161	73-69-69-77—288
Pat Perez (51), \$109,714	69-68-74-71—282	Yuta Ikeda, \$27,161	70-73-71-74—288
Erik van Rooyen, \$109,714	67-71-71-73—282	Kevin Na (7), \$27,161	70-73-73-72—288
Adam Scott (51), \$109,714	71-70-68-73—282	Shubhankar Sharma, \$27,161	73-71-71-73—288
Stewart Cink (39), \$84,000	72-70-71-70—283	Marc Leishman (6), \$25,800	72-72-69-76—289
Bernhard Langer (39), \$84,000	73-71-68-71—283	Gavin Kyle Green, \$25,317	72-73-71-74—290
Phil Mickelson (39), \$84,000	73-69-70-73—283	Marcus Kinhult, \$25,317	74-69-71-76—290
Danny Willett, \$84,000	69-71-70-73—283	Shaun Norris, \$25,317	74-68-69-79—290
Austin Cook (30), \$67,143	72-70-67-75—284	Brett Rumford, \$25,317	74-70-72-74—290
Rickie Fowler (30), \$67,143	70-69-73-72—284	Brandon Stone, \$25,317	68-72-73-77—290
Louis Oosthuizen (30), \$67,143	72-70-69-73—284	Lee Westwood, \$25,317	72-72-69-77—290
Thomas Pieters (30), \$67,143	70-73-70-71—284	Paul Dunne, \$24,250	71-73-73-74—291
Patrick Reed (30), \$67,143	75-70-68-71—284	Rhys Enoch, \$24,250	74-71-70-76—291
Julian Suri, \$67,143	74-69-70-71—284	Sung Kang (3), \$24,250	69-72-72-78—291
Chris Wood, \$67,143	70-74-66-74—284	Si Woo Kim (3), \$24,250	71-72-75-73—291
Adam Hadwin (22), \$53,750	73-70-71-71—285	Zander Lombard, \$24,250	67-71-71-82—291
Michael Kim (22), \$53,750	73-69-69-74—285	Matthew Southgate, \$24,250	69-72-73-77—291
		Gary Woodland (3), \$24,250	71-72-72-76—291
		Rafa Cabrera Bello (3), \$23,675	74-70-76-72—292
		Kiradech Aphibarnrat, \$23,488	74-71-74-74—293
		Beau Hossler (3), \$23,488	73-70-77-73—293
		a-Sam Locke	72-73-70-78—293
		Cameron Smith (2), \$23,300	73-71-73-77—294
		Keegan Bradley (2), \$23,175	74-71-73-77—295

He's in good company.

"He's always been a great player," McIlroy said. "With how he's played this year,

there's just maybe a little more belief. I played with him the final day at Wentworth and he didn't miss a shot. So there's

going to be a lot of European guys vying for his partnership in foursomes at the Ryder Cup."

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PRO BASEBALL

Harper, Nationals have hole to dig out of

BY NOAH TRISTER
AP Baseball Writer

Bryce Harper had a chance to shine in front of his home fans during the All-Star break, and he took advantage by winning the Home Run Derby.

Then it was back to reality for Harper and the Washington Nationals, who will need to turn things around soon if they want to avoid a disappointing season.

After hosting the All-Star festivities, Washington split two home games against NL East rival Atlanta, with a postponement in between. In a loss Friday night, the Nationals' frustration seemed evident when star pitchers Max Scherzer and Stephen Strasburg had a heated exchange in the dugout. Even

after a win Sunday, Washington is six games behind first-place Philadelphia and five behind the Braves, who are in position for the second wild card.

Harper has taken a lot of the heat for Washington's underachieving, and his .218 batting average certainly sticks out. But he does have 24 homers and a .366 on-base percentage, so it's not as though his offensive approach has completely fallen apart.

Harper is one of a handful of players on contending teams who may be primed for big improvements in the second half this year — and who could still have a big impact on the postseason races. Here are a few others:

- Jon Gray, Rockies. Gray may be baseball's biggest enigma at the mo-

ment. He's averaging 11.33 strikeouts per nine innings, the second-best mark in the National League, but he's just 8-7 with a 5.44 ERA. A .381 batting average on balls in play is a major culprit in his struggles, so he could be a good bet to turn things around, but the Rockies were sufficiently concerned that they sent him down to the minors briefly before the break. After returning, he pitched impressively into the eighth inning against Seattle on July 14.

Colorado made the postseason last year and is currently just two games behind the NL West-leading Dodgers, so if Gray pitches well down the stretch, the Rockies could remain in the mix again.

- Nick Pivetta and Vince Velasquez, Phillies. The rest of the NL East better

hope these two don't hit their stride any time soon. They've both struck out nearly as many hitters as staff ace Aaron Nola, despite significantly fewer innings. But consistency has been elusive. Pivetta has been strong with the exception of two awful starts against the Nationals in which he allowed a total of 13 runs in 2 2/3 innings. Velasquez gave up 10 runs against Milwaukee on June 8 but has held opponents to two or fewer in five of his six starts since then.

- Kyle Seager, Mariners. Seattle has a solid shot to make the postseason, but its steady third baseman may be having the worst offensive year of his career. He's hitting just .233 with an unsightly .284 on-base percentage.

OBITUARIES

LILLIE A. MCCOY HUCKS

Lillie Alberta McCoy Hucks was born on Feb. 13, 1928, in Sumter, and passed peacefully during the night on July 20, 2018 — just four months after her husband, Ed Hucks Jr., to whom she was married for 67 years — from a broken and tired heart. Mom missed Dad dearly — always telling us that she talked to him daily and was looking forward to joining him in heaven.

Lillie was the older child of Allie Atkinson McCoy and Ray Laverne McCoy.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Ray L. McCoy Jr.

Lillie leaves behind her three children and their families, Cynthia (Doug) Smith, Edward Frank "Buddy" (Julie) Hucks, Nancy "Tootsie" (Jeff) Billings, 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Lillie attended Winthrop College and, upon graduation, moved to Conway to teach home economics, where she met Ed. Lillie taught for years in the Lee County Public Schools in Bishopville. In addition to teaching, Lillie was an entrepreneur, selling various direct sales products; partnering to run a fabric shop; and owning a part-time craft business, selling her wall hangings, quilts, vests and bead jewelry.

Ed and Lillie left Bishopville in 2003 to live in Garden City. Lillie continued her involvement in quilting and fabric crafts.

Most recently Lillie and Ed moved to Covenant Place in Sumter. Over the course of her life, Lillie was active and competed (receiving many awards) in South Carolina and Swamp Fox Quilters.

Special thanks to Frances Kelley, our "adopted sister," for her lifelong dedication to mom; to Covenant Place (Sumter); and all who took the time out of their schedules to visit and/or call her in her later years. You made her days happy ones.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Lillie M. Hucks are suggested to mom and dad's life passion: Clemson University (Ed Hucks Jr.: Class of 1949 Golden Anniversary Endowment), Clemson University Foundation, P.O. Box 1889, Clemson, SC 29633.

A celebration of Lillie's life will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Salem Baptist Church, Aynor.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

YVONNE R. MARX

JESSAMINE COUNTY, Ky. — Yvonne Robertson Marx, age 62, passed away at 7:30 p.m. on July 18, 2018 at home in Jessamine County, surrounded by numerous family members.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; her children, Andrew, Nicole, Simone and Celine; as well as grandchildren, Luke, Jenna and C.J.; her parents, James and Barbara Way Robertson, also of Jessamine County; and her sister, Theresa Robertson (Michael) of Boston. An uncle, Marion L. Robertson (Carol) of Sumter, also survives.

Yvonne graduated from Carroll County High School in 1973 and went on to pursue a degree in education at the University of Kentucky, later completing her graduate education at the University of South Florida. She settled in the Florida Keys, where she found her soul mate and partner for life at the age of 30, when she married marine biologist Jim Marx in Marathon. Yvonne's professional career was devoted to the learning of others. She taught special education and went on to vice principal, principal and technology roles.

Yvonne was a high energy person who was intentional and thoughtful, always more concerned with the needs of others than those of her own. Yvonne fought her rare form of ovarian cancer for more than two years with incredible grace and beauty and no small degree of defiance. She will be remembered most for her love of her children, her strong commitment to family, and her ability to maintain a positive attitude in any situation.

A Celebration of Life will take place from 2 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 25, 2018, at Clark Legacy Center, 601 E. Brannon Road, Nicholasville, Kentucky.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Kentucky Education Association, 401 Capital Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601 (designate "in memory of Yvonne Marx" on the envelope).

DEBRA BOATWRIGHT JETT

DARLINGTON — With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Debra Boatwright Jett on Saturday, July 21, 2018, after an illness.

The family welcomes guests at the residence, 103 Juleswood Drive, Darlington.

Final arrangements will be announced by Jefferson Funeral Home Service Inc. of Lynchburg.

CHARLES E. SKEY

Charles E. "Buddy" Skey, 80, husband of Marie Ertzberger Skey, died on Saturday, July 21, 2018, at his home.

Born on Aug. 1, 1937, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Fred Terrell Skey and Martha Reynolds Skey. Buddy served in the U.S. Army National Guard Reserve. He retired from the Sumter Police Department with the rank of lieutenant detective.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years; three sons, Sean E. Skey (Mary Beth) and Joshua T. Skey (Shay), both of Sumter; and Nicholas A. Skey (Kate) of Greenville; five grandchildren, Piper, Marsha Kate, Jackson, Anne Beatson and Charlie; a brother, Samuel Arthur Skey of Greer; and a sister, Emma Skey Davis of Sumter.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marsha Smith Skey; and siblings, James Skey, Edley Tillery and Lillian Davis.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Charles Ahtonen officiating. Burial with police department honors will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Chris Sullivan, Jeff Fralick, Roy Perkins, Patrick Sullivan, Justin Ertzberger and C.R. VandenHeuvel.

The family will receive friends at the home, 435

Derek Drive.

Memorials may be made to Gateway Baptist Church, 536 Mimosa Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

PAUL G. HOSTETLER

Paul G. Hostetler, 87, husband of Rosie Warren Hostetler, died on Sunday, July 22, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on March 11, 1931, in Woodruff, he was a son of the late Walter A. and Elsie Bragg Hostetler. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of Bethesda Church of God and American Legion Post 15. He retired from Rowland Brothers Moving and Storage.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years; four children, Dale Justice of Wilson, North Carolina, Steve Hostetler of Sumter, Dannie Hostetler of Shelby, North Carolina, and Sherrie Hostetler of Sumter; five grandchildren, Brandon Hostetler, Tiffany Englehart, Kent Justice, Kristin Milam and Jonathan Justice; 12 great-grandchildren; and three brothers, James Earl Hostetler, Broadus Hostetler and Ray Hostetler.

He was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Deborah R. Hostetler; two sisters, Blanche Grant and Eunice Waddell; and a brother, Harold Hostetler.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Wednesday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Al Sims officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be nephews, Mark Hostetler, Donnie Herrell, Robert Herrell, Dustie Herrell, David Herrell and Brian Milam.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home of his daughter, 44 Ramsgate Court.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

BESSIE MCKNIGHT

Bessie McKnight, 79, widow of John Ervin McKnight, died on Monday, July 23, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on April 17, 1939, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of Johnnie and Frances LaCosta Wilson.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home of John McKnight, 9 Byrd St.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

ROBERTA H. BROWN

ALCOLU — Robertha Harrison Brown, 97, widow of James Brown Sr., died on Sunday, July 22, 2018, at her residence, 1084 Sharpe Lane, Alcolu.

She was born on Nov. 5, 1920, in Alcolu, a daughter of the late Eddie and Lutisha Kingwood Harrison and was a stepdaughter of Viola China.

The family is receiving friends at her residence.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

EDDIE DEAS III

GASTONIA, N.C. — The Rev. Eddie Deas III, 63, died on

Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at home.

The memorial service will be held at noon on Wednesday at Third Street Presbyterian Church, Gastonia.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesday at the church.

Costner Funeral Home of Gastonia is handling the funeral arrangements.

JOHNNY RAY LOWERY

Johnny Ray Lowery, 62, departed this life on Thursday, July 19, 2018, at his residence.

He was born on April 17, 1956, in Sumter, a son of the late Herman and Mozell Gibson Lowery.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

ELIZABETH MOSES

Elizabeth Moses died peacefully in the morning of July 23, 2018.

Born in 1964 and a native of Sumter, Elizabeth was a daughter of Robert A. Moses and the late Harriett P. Moses. She was a graduate of Wofford College (Bachelor of Science 1986) and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Master of Science 1995). She spent the first two decades of her professional career working with marine life. This included positions at Sea World and the New England Aquarium as well as wildlife observations of whales and dolphins on a number of federally-sponsored research cruises. She was at sea in the North Atlantic, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Eastern Tropical Pacific. Elizabeth had many other interests which led to new careers, including writing, editing, photography and transcription. She was a longtime member of the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina and worked for the Jewish Heritage Collection and the Jewish Studies Program at the College of Charleston. She spent 10 years with the South Carolina Parks Service as an interpretive ranger with historic houses. Most recently, she began a new job at the Sumter County Museum,

which she dearly loved.

Throughout her life, Elizabeth met many wonderful people and made many friends. She loved to travel, near or far, and was grateful to her family for the opportunity to visit Pawleys Island, the North Carolina mountains, Canada and Ireland. On her own, she traveled to Panama, Mexico, and Scotland. She considered the trip to Scotland in 2014 the best trip of her life.

She is survived by her father, Robert A. Moses and his wife, Clara G. Moses; her sisters, Natalie Moses (Douglas Klaucke), Carol Moses (David Vasconcelos), Katherine Royer (Brad Royer) and Laura Moses; her niece/nephews; great niece/nephews; as well as her great uncle, Herbert A. Moses; and numerous cousins.

In accordance with Jewish tradition, Elizabeth will be buried in the Jewish Cemetery in Sumter. Only family will be in attendance.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Temple Sinai in Sumter.

The family will receive friends following the memorial service at the Sumter County Museum Heritage Education building in McKenzie Hall.

The family wishes to acknowledge the compassionate care provide by the cardiology and palliative care staff of MUSC, Charleston.

Donations can be made to the Sumter SPCA, Temple Sinai Jewish History Center, the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina, Temple Beth Elohim (Georgetown), the Sumter County Museum or to a charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com.

Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter, is in charge of the arrangements, (803) 775-9386.



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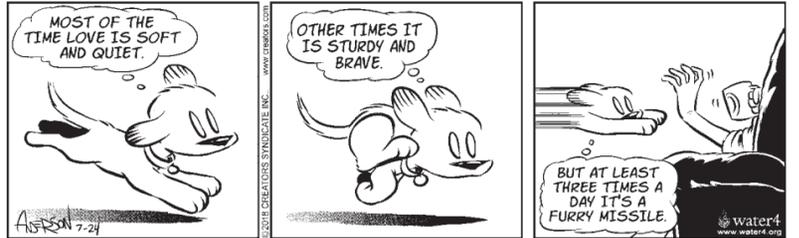
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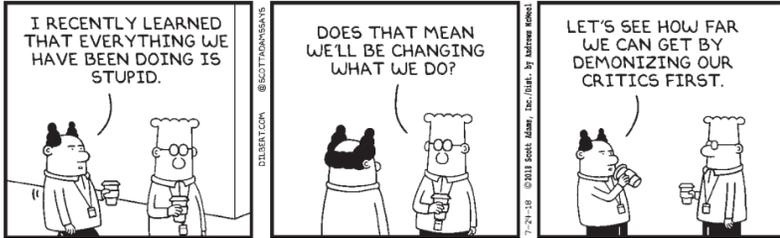
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Man loses focus on life after close friend's death



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — A lifelong friend of mine has died unexpectedly. Because he was my age, this brought up issues of my own mortality. We'd had our ups and downs over 25 years, but he moved cross-country to the same city as I'm in and was there for many happy and sad life events, including the deaths of my remaining immediate family and his parents.

I have a wonderful wife and amazing children. We are pretty active and have stressful jobs, so there is little time to be engaged, which leaves me feeling guilty about being less than 100 percent for her and the kids. We have a new-born, and he is a star among stars for me, so I feel even more need to be present at all times.

My friend's death has brought up painful feelings I thought I was over — like the feeling of being an "orphan" (even though I have extended family, I have no immediate family left). Losing someone my age has hit me hard, which I honestly didn't anticipate. I know I'm focusing on the wrong things, like some missed opportunities, but I can't seem to move past them. I feel so drained and useless. Any help would be appreciated.

DEAR MISSING — Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your good friend. The death of someone close can affect people in many different ways. For some, the reminder that life isn't infinite can trigger them to re-evaluate their relationships or how they have been living their lives. Because you seem to be unable to move past your feelings of abandonment, which many people experience after the loss of their parents, consider joining a grief support group to help you to work through some of these thoughts you are experiencing. However, if that isn't enough, a licensed therapist may help you to regain your balance.

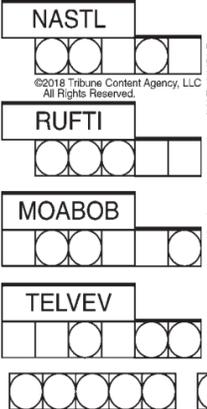
Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Missing my friend in Las Vegas

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



AFTER SPECIALIZING IN MINIATURE SCULPTURES, WILLARD WIGAN MADE A...

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DAISY TAUNT BARBER PUDDLE
Answer: Considered to be exceptionally honest, the judge was — TRIED AND TRUE

SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

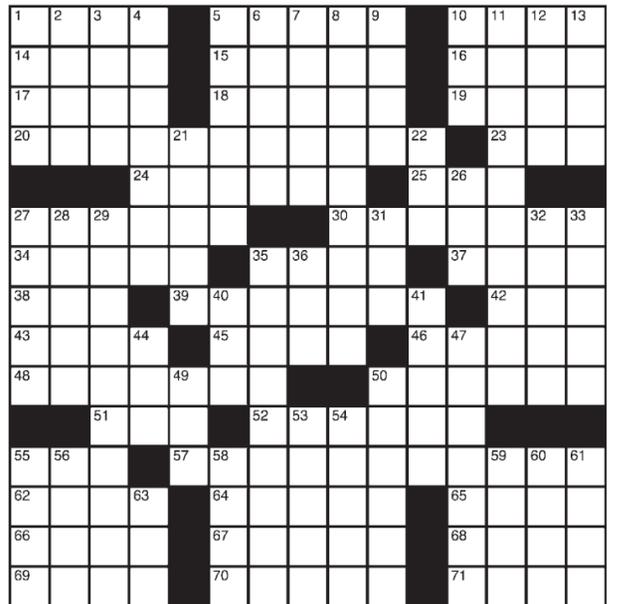
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Jeff Eddings 7/24/18

ACROSS

- 1 River through Kazakhstan
- 5 Brewpub orders
- 10 Upper limbs
- 14 Expose
- 15 Blue shades
- 16 Chess piece that can't move diagonally
- 17 Big stars often have big ones
- 18 Apply, as liniment
- 19 Apple from Japan
- 20 *Opposes in an election
- 23 Wordless "okay"
- 24 Put gas into
- 25 Assistance
- 27 Shabbily dressed
- 30 High behind a cold front, e.g.
- 34 Pan-fry
- 35 Boy band *N
- 37 Ill-fated Genesis son
- 38 Point
- 39 *Welcome news for potential borrowers
- 42 Tokyo-born Yoko
- 43 River near the Royal Shakespeare Theatre
- 45 Hockey legend Gordie
- 46 "It's ___-see!": rave review
- 48 Tile type
- 50 Sudden bursts
- 51 "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" network
- 52 Simpson trial witness Kato
- 55 Report card no.
- 57 Trapped by mundanity ... and hint to the answers to starred clues
- 62 Take a break
- 64 Ladybug food
- 65 Apple discard
- 66 Opera solo
- 67 Yankees' manager Aaron
- 68 Olympics sled
- 69 Fiddle (with)
- 70 Kisses and cuddles, in British slang
- 71 Former spouses
- 4 Phrase on a heart-healthy food label
- 5 Flat-bottomed boats
- 6 ___ sign: =
- 7 Jazz great
- 8 Weather-related Native American ceremony
- 9 Nine-digit IDs
- 10 Boxer's sound
- 11 *Brit's traffic circle
- 12 Magic charm
- 13 Icy road risk
- 21 Hole-making tool
- 22 ___ Heels: UNC team
- 26 "___ little teapot ..."
- 27 Soul singer Hayes
- 28 Easily duped
- 29 **"Word on the street is ..."
- 31 Post-op area
- 32 Get a feeling
- 33 Schedule openings
- 35 Order lots of
- 36 Source of pliable wood
- 40 Sushi tuna
- 41 Easy putt
- 44 Slap cuffs on
- 47 Slap cuffs on Jun. and Jul.
- 50 Microscope inserts
- 53 "Bless you" prompter
- 54 Just making, with "out"
- 55 Court great Steffi
- 56 Ecuador neighbor
- 58 Bar bills
- 59 Gravy thickener
- 60 Encourage
- 61 Shirts on concerts
- 63 Toon devil

Previous Puzzle Solved

A	S	P	I	C	L	A	B	S	I	H	O	P
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Summons & Notice

SUMMONS (Deficiency Judgment Waived) (Mortgage Foreclosure) (Mobile Home Repossession) Non-Jury
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2018-CP-43-01016

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

21st Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff,
 -vs-
 Latisha Billingsley; Midland Funding LLC; W S Badcock Corporation, Defendant(s)

TO THE DEFENDANT(S), LATISHA BILLINGSLEY

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 1640 St. Julian Place, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for a judgment by default granting the relief demanded in the Complaint.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDE(S), AND/OR TO PERSON UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY, INCOMPETENTS AND PERSONS CONFINED AND PERSON IN THE MILITARY:

YOUR ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian ad Litem within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint in the above-captioned action were filed on June 1, 2018, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina.

Crawford & von Keller, LLC, PO Box 4216 1640 St. Julian Place (29204) Columbia, SC 29204 Phone: 803-790-2626 Attorneys for Plaintiff

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO.: 2018-CP-43-00004

COUNTY OF SUMTER STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

LongBridge Financial, LLC Plaintiff,

vs.
 The Estate of Inez Ward Fleming a/k/a Inez E. Fleming, and the Personal Representative of the Estate of Inez Ward Fleming a/k/a Inez E. Fleming if any, and any other heirs-at-law or Distributees of Inez Ward Fleming a/k/a Inez E. Fleming; her heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns and Spouses, if any they have, and all other persons entitled to claim under them or through them, all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in and to the real estate described herein; also any unknown adults and those persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, all of them being designated as "John Doe"; and any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as "Richard Roe"; The United States of America acting by and through its agent, the

Summons & Notice

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and Rebecca K. Elmore, Defendant(s).

SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices at 508 Hampton Street, Suite 301, Columbia, SC 29201, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference or the Court may issue a general Order of Reference of this action to a Master-in-Equity/Special Referee, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Attorney for the Plaintiff.

LIS PENDENS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Inez Ward Fleming to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Longbridge Financial, LLC dated December 24, 2016 and recorded on May 19, 2017 in Book 1233 at Page 323, in the Sumter County Registry (hereinafter, "Subject Mortgage"). Thereafter, the Subject Mortgage being transferred to the Plaintiff by assignment. The premises covered and affected by the said Mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, more particularly described in the said Mortgage and are more commonly described as: All that piece, parcel or tract of land in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina consisting of four acres with the buildings and improvements thereon situate and lying on the South Side of County road leading from Sumter to Cain's Mill and bounded as follows: North by County road and measuring thereon two hundred eighty five (285) feet; East by other lands of Grantor and measuring thereon six hundred thirty seven and four-tenths (637.4) feet; South by lands of J.F. Jackson and measuring thereon two hundred eighty one (281) feet, and West by land by H.F. Jackson and measuring thereon six hundred fourteen (614) feet. Be all of said measurements a little more or less. Same being more fully shown by plat made by Palmer and Malone, C.E. dated February 28, 1948.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land together with improvements thereon, lying and being in Privateer

Summons & Notice

Township of Sumter County, South Carolina, containing one acre according to a plat thereof prepared by William E. Lindler, Jr., PLS dated November 11, 2002, filed for record December 17, 2002 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Sumter County in Plat Book 2002, Page 701 and incorporated herein by referenced pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 (see amended). Together with a 30-foot wide easement for ingress and egress shown on the aforesaid plat. Together with all and singular rights, members, Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the said premises belonging, or in anywise incident or appertaining. Parcel No. 209-00-01-010 Property Address: 2700 Caine Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29154

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS IN MILITARY SERVICE

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of J. Marshall Swails, Esquire as Guardian ad Litem for known and unknown minors, and for all persons who may be under a disability, and it appearing that J. Marshall Swails, Esquire has consented to said appointment, it is

FURTHER upon reading the Petition filed by Plaintiff for the appointment of an attorney to represent any unknown Defendants who may be in the Military Service of the United States of America, and may be, as such, entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, and any amendments thereto, and it appearing that J. Marshall Swails, Esquire has consented to act for and represent said Defendants, it is

ORDERED that J. Marshall Swails, Esquire 8 Williams Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601 phone (864) 233-6225, be and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem on behalf of all known and unknown minors and all unknown persons who may be under a disability, all of whom may have or claim to have some interest or claim to the real property commonly known as 2700 Cains Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29154; that he is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for said Defendants.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that J. Marshall Swails, Esquire of 8 Williams Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601 phone (864) 233-6225, be and hereby is appointed Attorney for any unknown Defendants who are, or may be, in the Military Service of the United States of America and as such are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act aka Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto, to represent and protect the interest of said Defendants.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That a copy of this Order shall be forth with served upon said Defendants by publication in Item, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons and Notice of Filing of Complaint in the above entitled action.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Complaint, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions and

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to §6-1-80 of the SC Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that Clarendon County Council will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 13, 2018, at The Clarendon County Administration Building, Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC in consideration of Ordinance #2018-07.

An Ordinance Establishing and Implementing a Program to Charge Mitigation Rates for the Deployment of Emergency and Non-Emergency Services by the Clarendon County Fire-Rescue Department for Services Provided or Rendered by the Clarendon County Fire-Rescue Department.



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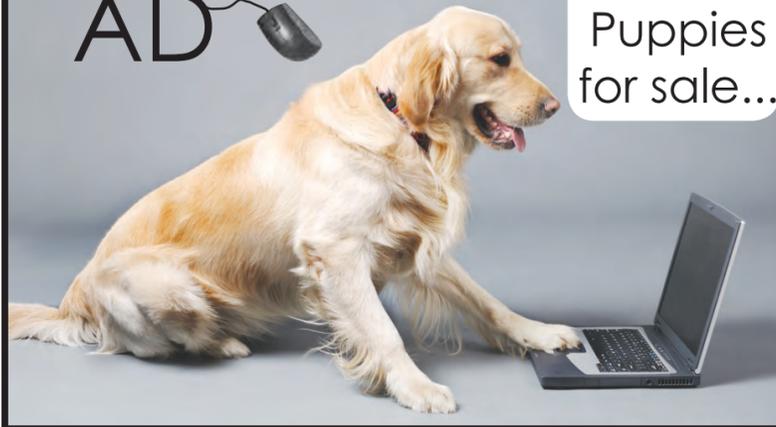
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Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on January 2, 2018.

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2018-CP-43-00651

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Cathlene S. Smoot, Plaintiff,
-v-
Kristia M. Otis, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT: Kristia M. Otis

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint for damages in an automobile accident, the original of which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, on the 13th day of April, 2018, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff, John D. Clark at the Clark Law Firm L.L.C., at Post Office Drawer 880, 22 E. Liberty Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29151-0880, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, Plaintiff will move for an Order declaring you, the Defendant in default on the ground that Defendant failed to timely answer or otherwise submit responsive pleadings to the Complaint filed with this Court on April 13, 2018. In addition, the Plaintiff will seek the relief requested in the Complaint previously filed in this matter.

John D. Clark, Esquire
Attorney for Plaintiff
22 East Liberty Street
P.O. Drawer 880
Sumter, SC 29151

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO.: 2017-CP-43-01585

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
The Estate of Gloria K. Ford, John Doe and Richard Roe, as Representatives of all Heirs and Devises of Gloria K. Ford, Deceased, and all persons entitled to claim under or through them; also, all other persons or corporations unknown claiming any right, title, interest in or lien upon the real estate described herein, any unknown adults, whose true names are unknown, being as a class designated as John Doe, and any unknown infants, persons under disability, or persons in the Military Service of the United States of America, whose true names are unknown, being as a class designated as Richard Roe, Clinton Karl Ford, Individually & as Personal Representative of Gloria K. Ford,

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Wendi Bowman, The United States of America, acting by and through its agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development,

SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices at 508 Hampton Street, Suite 301, Columbia, SC 29201, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference or the Court may issue a general Order of Reference of this action to a Master-in-Equity/Special Referee, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Attorney for the Plaintiff.

LIS PENDENS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Gloria K. Ford to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Residential Finance Corporation dated December 31, 2013 and recorded on January 6, 2014 in Book 1197 at Page 003670, in the Sumter County Registry (hereinafter, "Subject Mortgage"). Thereafter, the Subject Mortgage being transferred to the Plaintiff by assignment recorded July 10, 2017 in Book 1234 at Page 4823. The premises covered and affected by the said Mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, more particularly described in the said Mortgage and are more commonly described as: All that certain piece, parcel, lot or tract of land, containing 0.43 acres), more or less, together with any and all improvements thereon, lying, being and situate in Sumter Township, the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot No. 38 of Ashley Creek Village Subdivision on that certain plat by H.S. Willson, RLS, dated December 31, 1965, and

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recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Z-22 Country in Plat Book 119. Pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), reference to said plat(s) is hereby craved for particulars of the boundaries, metes, courses, and/or distances of the property delineated thereon. This property is represented as Tax Map Parcel No. 208-02-01-004 upon the records of the Sumter County Auditor, and is known as 2179 Tanglewood Road, Sumter, SC. This being the identical property heretofore conveyed unto H. Clinton Ford and Gloria K. Ford, by Deed From Trotter Company recorded August 18, 1987, in said Register's Office in Deed Book W-9 at Page 469. Clinton Ford a/k/a H. Clinton Ford a/k/a H.C. Ford conveyed his right, title and interest to Gloria K. Ford by Deed recorded August 1, 1985, said Register's Office, in Deed Book 410 at Page 45. On May 18, 2011 Gloria K. Ford conveyed the herein referenced property to herself and Herbert C. Ford (a/k/a H. Clinton Ford, etc.) by right-of-survivorship deed recorded in Deed Book 1154 at Page 2493, said Register's Office. Herbert C. Ford's interest passed to Gloria K. Ford upon his death on June 26, 2012.

Parcel No. 208-02-01-004 Property Address: 2179 Tanglewood Road, Sumter, SC 29154

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS IN MILITARY SERVICE

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of J. Marshall Swails, Esquire as Guardian ad Litem for known and unknown minors, and for all persons who may be under a disability, and it appearing that J. Marshall Swails, Esquire has consented to said appointment, it is

FURTHER upon reading the Petition filed by Plaintiff for the appointment of an attorney to represent any unknown Defendants who may be in the Military Service of the United States of America, and may be, as such, entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, and any amendments thereto, and it appearing that J. Marshall Swails, Esquire has consented to act for and represent said Defendants, it is

ORDERED that J. Marshall Swails, Esquire 8 Williams Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601 phone (864) 233-6225, be and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem on behalf of all known and unknown minors and all unknown persons who may be under a disability, all of whom may have or claim to have some interest or claim to the real property commonly known as 2179 Tanglewood Road, Sumter, SC 29154; that he is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for said Defendants.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that J. Marshall Swails, Esquire of 8 Williams Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601 phone (864) 233-6225, be and hereby is appointed Attorney for any unknown Defendants who are, or may be, in the Military

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Service of the United States of America and as such are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act aka Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto, to represent and protect the interest of said Defendants.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That a copy of this Order shall be forth with served upon said Defendants by publication in Item, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons and Notice of Filing of Complaint in the above entitled action.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Complaint, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on August 24, 2017.

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Estate Notice Sumter County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

Persons having claim against the following estates are required to deliver or mail their claims to the indicated Personal Representatives, appointed to administer these estates, and to file their claims on Form #371PC with the Probate Court of Sumter County Courthouse, N. Main Street, Sumter, SC, 29150, on or before the date that is eight months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors, (unless previously barred by operation of Section 62-3-803), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements, indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the amount claimed and the date when due, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate:/Joyce Lynn Conyers #2018ES4300376
Personal Representative
Brandon Conyers
C/O Thomas E. Player, Jr.
P.O. Box 3690
Sumter, SC 29151

Estate:/Elizabeth Virginia-Carter #2018ES4300093
Personal Representative
Kelley Carter
CMR 445 Box 142
APO AE 09046

Estate:/Lee Clinton Knuckles, Sr. #2018ES4300382
Personal Representative
Lee Clinton Knuckles, Jr.
533 Wilkinson Ln.
Columbia, SC 29229

Estate:/Cheryl Lynn Green #2018ES4300402
Personal Representative
Rochell Green
70 Abiathar Ct.
Sumter, SC 29154

Estate:/Charles Moody Cobb #2018ES4300407
Personal Representative
Ronny L. Lowder
910 Oak Brook Blvd.
Sumter, SC 29150

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Estate:/Ruth A. Young #2018ES4300412
Personal Representative
Geneva Williams
159 Ponderosa Dr.
Ladson, SC 29456

Estate:/Sammie Wright, Jr. #2018ES4300406
Personal Representative
Sherman Wright
6833 Tanners Creek Dr.
Huntersville, NC 28078

Estate:/Mildred L. Boyd #2018ES4300411
Personal Representative
Sharon L. Young
C/O Kenneth Young
23 W. Calhoun St.
Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Donald L. Bowen #2018ES4300387
Personal Representative
Linda D. Bowen
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Sumter, SC 29154

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Gayle T. Fohner
C/O Kenneth Hamilton
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Estate:/John William Scarborough #2018ES4300410
Personal Representative
Marie C. Scarborough
C/O Kharimah Dessow
Attorney at Law
425 North Main St.
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Estate:/Louise M. Vaughn #2018ES4300389
Personal Representative
William D. Vaughn
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Personal Representative
Franklin D. Rogers
840 Pierson Rd.
Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Sadie Cissom #2018ES4300383
Personal Representative
Stephen Cissom
C/O John S. Keffer
10 Law Range
Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Mary Lou Achziger #2018ES4300403
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Harvey W. Achziger, Sr.
C/O Marvin E. McMillan, Jr.
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